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MEMBERS

OF THE

BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION.

MARCUS BEACH, - - - PRESIDENT.

M. M. DROHAN,

JOHN MULLINS,

SIMEON H. SMITH,

ISAAC W. TAUSSIG.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, - - - CLERK.

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MINUTES.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, for the purpose of organizing, held in the City Hall, Monday, April 14th, 1879, at 12:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Beach, Drohan, Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

The clerk called the Board to order.

On motion Mr. Mullins was elected temporary President.

By Mr. Taussig and carried: Moved that we proceed to elect a permanent President.

The chair appointed Messrs. Smith and Drohan tellers.

Mr. Taussig nominated Mr. Beach.

No other nominations having been made a balloting was had which resulted as follows:

Marcus Beach received four (4) votes, Martin M. Drohan one (1).

Marcus Beach having received a majority of the votes cast he was duly declared elected permanent President for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr Drohan the election was made unanimous.

Messrs. Taussig and Smith were appointed a committee to conduct the President elect to the chair.

The committee performed its duty and the President briefly addressed the Board in acknowledgment of the honor conferred upon him.

By Mr. Taussig: Moved, That this Board proceed to appoint a clerk.

Mr. Taussig nominated John T. Van Cleef.

No other nominations were made.

A balloting was had, which resulted as follows:

John T. Van Cleef received five (5) votes, and that being the whole number of votes cast he was duly declared appointed Clerk of the Board for the ensuing year.

By Mr. Taussig and carried:

Moved, That the rules and regulations of the old Board of Finance and Taxation be taken and adopted as the rules and regulations of this Board until otherwise ordered.

By Mr. Taussig and carried:

Moved, That a committee of three (3) be appointed to draft new rules and regulations for the government of this Board.

The President appointed Messrs. Taussig, Smith and Drohan as the committee.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to have thirty (30) copies of the printed minutes of the proceedings of of the last year of the Board of Finance and Taxation bound in book form, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Communication from the Board of Assessors informing this Board that they had organized, electing James C. Clarke, President, and Martin Logan, Secretary. Received and ordered filed.

Requisition from the Board of Assessors for stationery, received and laid on the table.

The President announced the following committees of the Board for the ensuing year:

Committee on Finance—Messrs. Taussig, Drohan, Smith and Mullins.

Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions—Messrs, Smith, Drohan, Taussig and Mullins.

Committee on Salaries and Claims—Messrs. Mullins, Smith, Drohan and Taussig.

Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies—Messrs. Drohan, Mullins, Taussig and Smith.

By Mr. Drohan:

Moved, That the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies be and they are hereby authorized to have printed a suitable number of cards showing the arrangement of the different committees of this Board.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, April 16, 1879, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

On motion the Board took a recess of five (5) minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the official bond of James H. Love, as City Collector, be and is hereby fixed at the sum of ($200,000) two hundred thousand dollars.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 17th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of April 14th, 1879, was dispensed with until the next regular meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from E. V. T. Besson, as attorney of George Pustkuchen, requesting the payment of $402 96 against the city. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of B. J. Westervelt and Wm. H. Horn both for the return of difference between the old and new assessment. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of William Glass for the return of money paid in error on an assessment. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Argus of $34 for printing and binding four books for the City Treasurer. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Corporation Counsel presented the following official bonds, approved as drawn in legal form:

Official bond of Benjamin Van Keuren as Commissioner of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with Charles Siedler and James Warner as sureties.

Official bond of Henry R. Vreeland, as Commissioner of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with John Robinson and William Buck as sureties.

Official bond of John S. Smith, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Charles Somers and Martin Mulry as sureties.

Official bond of Charles A. Roe, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Charles Siedler and William Frost as sureties.

Official bond of Thomas Leather as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with John D. Carscallen, H. E. Niblet and Isaac Vanderbeek as sureties.

Official bond of Charles A. Holderer, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Spilliner and Henry Rollfs as sureties.

Official bond of James Howe, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick McGonnell and Thomas Heery as sureties.

Official bond of Richard Onslow, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Isaac Van Saun and Matthew Doyle as sureties.

Official bond of Ernest Crome, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Adolp Kirsten and David Harper as sureties.

Official bond of Dietrich Kuhn, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Jacob Ewald and Valentine Puster as sureties.

Official bond of Henry F. Crawford, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with George C. Doyle and George E. Cutter as sureties.

All of the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Itemized requisitions were received from the Corporation Attorney and City Collector for stationery, and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from Allan L. McDermott:

Jersey City, April 14th, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I accept the office of Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, and hereby agree to perform the duties of said office, receiving in full compensation therefor the salary fixed by your Board, to wit: the sum of $1,500 per annum.

Respectfully,

ALLAN L. McDERMOTT.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication inviting the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation to attend a meeting of the Commissioners appointed to prepare a system of general laws for the government of municipalities in this State, to be held in the City Hall, Saturday, April 19th, 1879, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

The communication was received, referred to the Committee of the Whole, and the invitation accepted.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment map: Improvement of Washington, now Pacific avenue, 100 feet wide from Maple to Grand street, $12.615 45.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Comptroller:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In accordance with an act of the Legislature approved March 27 1879, I have the honor to present the following statement of the bonded debt of the city April 1, 1879:

General bonded debt	$4,303,450
Assessment bonded debt	6,088,514
Water bonded debt	4,788,000
Total	$15,184,964
Less sinking fund bonds included in the above	425,565
	$14,659,399

Very respectfully,

S. C. NELSON, Comptroller.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the city treasury April 10 to 16, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	$4,823 14
Assessment account, total	1,258 83
Water account, total	2,973 78
Sinking Fund, 1873, account, total	47 02
" " 1876, " "	380 01

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account	
" " assessment account	
" " water account	$37,718 40
" " sinking fund, 1873	
" " " " 1876	

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

JERSEY CITY, April 17, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—It is unnecessary for me to examine the question as to the right of Christopher Sipp or Mr. P. C. Hilliard, his attorney in fact, to demand $1,000 and interest from Jersey City on account of the matters contained in his petition dated March 20, 1879, because I find that he was paid by the city February 23, 1872, as will appear by his endorsement on the $1,000 warrant therefor and the City Comptroller's certificate. I enclose the copy of Mr. Sipp's receipt for the warrant and the Comptroller's certificate.

Respectfully submitted.

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The following is a copy of the receipt of Christopher Sipp and the certificate of the City Comptroller referred to in the above opinion:

"Warrant for $1,000 to the order of Christopher Sipp by resolution adopted February 20th, 1872, for discount of 5 per cent. on bonds amounting to $20,000, as per contract, to be charged to construction account of public school No. 12."

On the stub of the above described warrant is the following receipt:

"Received this warrant.

"CHRISTOPHER SIPP."

The following is a copy of the certificate of the Comptroller above referred to;

'I do hereby certify that the warrant above described is endorsed 'Christopher Sipp.'

"F. W. TUXBURY."

And is in my office ————. At the date named warrants were held as vouchers by the City Comptroller,

S. C. NELSON, Comptroller.

Jersey City, April 17, 1879.

On motion the above opinion and certificates together with the original communication were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Improvement of Ogden avenue between Franklyn and Liberty streets.

2. Appointment of John B. Haight as Water Registrar.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board having reassembled the members present were President Beach, Messrs. Mullins Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the following official bonds:

Benjamin Van Keuren and Henry R. Vreeland as Commissioners of the Board of Public Works, Charles Roe and Thomas Leather as Fire Commissioners, John S. Smith as Police Commissioner, Dietrick Kuhn, Henry F. Crawford, Ernest Crome, Richard Onslow, James Howe and Charles A. Holderer as Constables, recommending that the same be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the reports the committee were received and the recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Saturday, April 19th, 1879, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig,

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, April 19th, 1879, at 8 o'clock P M.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the ast regular meeting was dispensed with until the next regular meeting.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of H. A. Greene of $5 for postage stamps furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation; claim of the Argus of $68 80 for advertising Assessors' notices. Both claims were received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners with resolution showing reductions made by them in their salary list. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following official bonds were presented:

Official bond of Bernard McCarthy as Fire Commissioner in the sum of $15,000, with Edward Cullen and John McCarthy as sureties.

Official bond of Stephen P. Yoe, as Commissioner of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000 with Robert McCague, Jr. Patrick H. Laverty and Ferdinand Heintze as sureties;

Official bond of Charles Stier as Police Commissioner in the sum of $15,000, with Jacob Ringle, Valentine Puster and Rudolph Schmidhauser as sureties.

Official bond of Otto Meyer as Police Commissioner in the sum of $15,000 with John H. Saunders, Christian Helms and Jacob Eschweg.

Official bond of William P. Howell as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with Edward P. Burrett and James Martin as sureties.

Official bond of Robert Madigan as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with Thomas Fitzsimmons and Henry Carroll as sureties

Official bond of James Tumulty as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with James Harper and Philip Tumulty as sureties.

All of the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess.

On reassembling the members present were—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig and carried:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, April 21st, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, April 21, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with until the next regular meeting.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding resolution passed April 15, 1879, appointing John B. Haight Water Registrar at a blank salary, and also requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required.

The resolution was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolution was received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

Appointing John B. Haight Water Registrar for the year ending March 31, 1880, at an annual salary of $1,600, and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds required.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the following official bonds approved as drawn in legal form by the Corporation Counsel: Bonds of Stephen P. Yoe as Commissioner of the Board of Public Works, Otto W. Meyer and Charles Stier as Police Commissioners, Bernard McCarthy as Fire Commissioner, Robert Madigan, William P Howell and James Tumulty as Constables, recommending that the same be spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported the communication from the City Comptroller showing the bonded debt of the City, April 1st, 1879, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The same committee reported the communication from Allen McDermott, stating his acceptance of the office of Corporation Attorney, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports of the committee were received and the recommendations adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Whereas, This Board have determined to do all in their power to maintain the public credit of Jersey City and pay the interest in full on all its bonded debt, and

Whereas, In order to enable the city to do this a reduction of expenditures in the matter of salary alone of over $200,000 is imperatively required, and insisted upon by the Citizens' Committee; and

Whereas, Economy and retrenchment are required in all the expenditures of the city government, so that further saving may be made; and

Whereas, It may also be necessary to increase the next tax levy so that with the savings in expenditure and the increased rate of taxation a sum may be raised sufficient to pay the running expenditures of the city government and the interest on the bonded debt without depending upon assessment account as heretofore, to pay the interest on the bonds issued on assessment account, therefore

Resolved, 1. That we will, for our own Board, and as to the other Boards, we call upon them to reduce their expenditures for salaries so that the following Boards may only pay salaries, which will make their annual expenditures not to exceed the following sums:

Board of Aldermen	$11,000
Board of Fire Commissioners	48,000
Board of Police Commissioners	90,000
Board of Public Works	29,000
Board of Education	150,000
Board of Finance	42,000

as advised by the Citizens' Committee.

2. That the sum saved in salary account, amounting to about $200,000 by the above reduction, be and is hereby pledged to be used solely for the purpose of paying accruing interest on city debt.

3. That this Board requests all the city Boards to make all other reductions possible in every matter of city expenditure.

4. That this Board will not raise any money for any city Board until it at once makes these reductions, and it requests the Mayor of the city to refuse to sign any warrants for any Board refusing or failing to make these necessary reductions.

5. That this Board will place in the next tax levy a sum sufficient to pay all the interest on the city debt and will at the same time reduce the present appropriations of the different Boards so as to save in salary and other accounts all that it possibly can and at the same time carry on the city government.

6. That this Board, as soon as it legally can do so, will fund the present floating debt of the city.

7. That this Board will do no act to increase the present city indebtedness for any purpose whatever.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That this Board hereby tenders its thanks to the Citizens' Committee for their labor and efforts to help this city out of its present financial embarrassments, and asks that the committee do continue its investigations and recommend such further reductions in other city expenditures as it may deem just and proper.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Drohan.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 24th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the meetings of April 9th, 12th, 17th and 21st, were dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The minutes of April 14th having been read they were, on motion, corrected, by striking out the words "for the ensuing year," in connection with the appointment of the Clerk of the Board, after which they were approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Arminius Breigleb and Charles Rehm, both for rebate on an assessment. Petition of Melissa Clark to have vacated the assessment levied upon lots 10, 11 and 12, block 562, for the construction of main sewer, section "A" 2nd drainage district. The above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, April 17th to 23d, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$6,645 93
Assessment account, total.....	927 11
Water account, total.....	11,672 54
Sinking Fund, 1873, account, total....	489 34
" " 1876, " "	754 59

The City Treasurer reported the following balances credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $49,794 12.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel presented the following official bonds, approved as drawn in legal form:

Official bond of James H. Love as City Collector in the sum of $200,000, with George Duncan, George H. Farrier, William W. Knight, Andrew McKnight, John Chilver, Horace H. Farrier, Charles T. Lange, Thomas C. Brown, Thomas Edmondson, Orestes Cleveland, Chas. J. Timson, Samuel Hetherington and Dudley S. Steele as sureties.

Official bond of Charles Koelble as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick Tealing and John A. White as sureties.

Official bond of John Brower as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Albers and Archibald McDowell as sureties.

Official bond of Frank Meyer as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Reinhard Weiter and Michael D. Vreeland as sureties.

Official bond of Benjamin T. Keyser as constable in the sum of $1,000, with John Foster and Patrick H. Tealing as sureties.

Official bond of James Van Wart as constable in the sum of $1,000, with William Van Wart and John Craig as sureties.

Official bond of John Jelly as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Frederick Payne and Thomas Edmondson as sureties.

Official bond of John Feeley as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Michael Rochford and John Purcell as sureties.

Official bond of Joseph Locke as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Louis Wittemeyer and John McCarthy as sureties.

All of the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Jersey City, April 24, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation;

Gentlemen:—The preamble and resolution adopted by your Board on the 21st inst. in favor of economy, retrenchment and other matters tending towards placing the city on a firm and sound financial basis meets with my approval, and your earnest and determined action in the interest of the people is much to be commended

I desire to state, as upon previous occasions, that I am utterly opposed to the remission of any more penalties on taxes and water rents on and after July 1st, next. and in favor of all real estate in arrears for said taxes and water rents being advertised and sold according to law at the time designated in the charter. After much consideration I have come to the conclusion that I cannot see the justice of the Citizens' Committee's report in asking or recommending me to relinquish all salary, particularly to aid in extinguishing a debt or paying liabilities which were almost wholly accumulated previous to the commencement of my term of office,

I shall, however, sympathise and assist in the good movement and suggestions presented by the Citizens' Committee and reduce my salary for the second year of my term commencing May 1st, next, 50 per cent. or $1,000 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. HOPPER, Mayor.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Appointment of J. Fitch Mallory as clerk at a salary of $1,500.
2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the following official bonds: James H. Love as City Collector; Charles Koelble, John Brower, Jas. Van Wart, John Jelly, Joseph Locke, Frank Meyer, John Feeley and Benjamin T. Keyser as constables, recommending that the same be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports of the committee were received and the recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported verbally on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works adopted April 15, 1879, appointing John B. Haight Water Registrar, at a blank salary, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works April 21, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation and in accordance with the provisions of a supplement to the city charter approved April 3, 1872, this Board hereby appoints John B. Haight Registrar of the water works for the year ending March 31, 1880, at an annual salary of $1,600; and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds required be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 22d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation this Board hereby appoints J. Fitch Mallory Clerk of the Board of Public Works, at a salary of $1,500 per annum, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation—your committee think the salary should be $1,200 instead of $1,500.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of the Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $34 be paid to the Argus for three account books furnished City Treasurer.

On claim of the Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $63 80 be paid to the Argus for advertising Assessors' notices to taxpayers, April 12th, 18th and 19th.

On claim of H. A. Green:

Resolved, That the sum of $5 be paid to H. A. Green for postage stamps furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Moved, That the preamble and resolution directing the Corporaton Counsel to commence suit for unpaid taxes against such individuals who have failed to pay their taxes and the resolution in regard to the extension of payment of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum on taxes and assessments be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

The Clerk read as follows:

Whereas, There is a large amount of taxes now due the city by individuals owning large amounts of property; and

Whereas, The parties are able to pay said taxes and the payment thereof would enable the city to reduce its indebtedness; and

Whereas, This Board is of the opinion that the payment of these taxes should be enforced by suits against these parties; therefore

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to commence suits for unpaid taxes against such individuals as shall at the time of the commencement of such suits be indebted to the city for unpaid taxes.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that they will not extend the time for the payment of taxes in arrears at the rate of seven per centum per annum after July 1st, 1879, and that after that date interest at the rate of twelve per centum per annum will be charged to be computed from December 20th in each year.

The President calling for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig,

Nay—Mr. Drohan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the official bond of the Water Registrar be fixed at $50,000.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the following salaries be and are hereby fixed as the compensation to be received by the following named officers and employes of this Board for the year beginning May 1st, 1879, and ending May 1st, 1880.

City Collector	$2,400
City Treasurer	2,400
City Comptroller	2,400
One clerk to Comptroller	1,100
One clerk to Treasurer	1,100
Six clerks to Collector at $720	4,320
Three clerks to City Clerk at $720	2,160
Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation	1,100
Six Assessors at $1,300	7,800
Two women to clean City Hall at $300	600
Marshal 2d District Court	600
Minutes in two official papers	5,000

And Resolved, That the above named officers and employes are directed to signify their acceptance of the salaries named in the former resolution at the next meeting of this Board.

By Mr. Taussic;

Resolved, That the services of the following named employes of this Board be and are hereby dispensed with, their term of office to expire May 1st, 1879, to wit:

John McGuigan, Clerk, acting Marshal of the First District Court; James T. Grady, clerk to City Collector; Walter Kissam, clerk to City Collector; James T. Browning, Messenger; Patrick O'Neill, tax bill distributer; F. C. Wolbert, Clerk to First Disrrict Police Court.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the amount deducted from the various salaries paid by this Board, to wit: The sum of $19,820 per annum, being, together with the reductions heretofore made a reduction of over thirty-five per cent. of the present salary list, be appropriated to the payment of interest on the city debt.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet April 23th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the Chair to ascertain the expense of advertising delinquent taxpayers and selling their property for unpaid taxes.

The President appointed Messrs. Taussig and Smith as such committee.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Saturday, April 26th, 1879, at 12 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The clerk read the call of the meeting, s'gned by the President. It was as follows:

Jersey City, April 25th, 1879.

John T. Van Cleef, Esq , Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation:

Dear Sir—You are hereby directed to notify the different members of this Board that a special meeting will be held Saturday, April 26th, 1879, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering financial matters.

With respect,

MARCUS BEACH, President.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That fifty coupon water bonds of one thousand dollars each, bearing date February 1st, 1879, with interest coupons attached bearing six per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually (February 1st and August 1st), be issued under the seal of this city, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the the Water Registrar, the bonds to be payable Feb. 1st, 1909, and that the same to be sold by the Finance Committee, and that until said bonds are prepared a temporary water bond or bonds for same amount shall be issued, signed, countersigned and attested by the said officials.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That fifty coupon funded debt bonds of Jersey City of one thousand dollars each, bearing date February 1st, 1879, with interest coupons attached bearing six per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually (February 1st and August 1st), be issued under the act of April 5th, 1878, the bonds to be issued under the seal of this city, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the Comptroller; the bonds to be payable February 1, 1909, and that the same be sold by the Finance Committee.

By Mr. Taussig :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be and are hereby authorized to order 50 coupon bonds printed in the usual form in order to correspond with the resolution adopted at this meeting.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, April 28th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting of April 26, 1879, was dispensed with and laid over to the next regular meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That fifty coupon Funded Debt bonds of Jersey City of one thousand dollars each bearing date February 1st, 1879, with interest coupons attached bearing six per cent. interest per annum payable semi-annually February 1st and August 1st, be issued under the act of April 5th, 1878, the bonds to be issued under the seal of this city, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the Comptroller, the bonds to be payable February 1st, 1909, and that the same be sold by the Finance Committee.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for May, 1879.

On general account	$10,000 00
" " "	10,000 00
" " "	11,336 67
On assessment "	84,910 00
On water "	31,395 00

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, for the sum of seventy-four thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from water account to general account as a loan.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 1, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 24th, special meeting held April 26th and the regular adjourned meeting held April 28th was, on motion, dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Augusta Waugh for the return of $47 30, being amount together with interest having been paid on tax sales of 1858, said property having been redeemed by the owner. The petition was received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions

Communication from Lawrence Cavanagh, received and referred to the Board of Public Works.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $3,74 25 for official printing, received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller, Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation and Assessors, for stationery, all of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

F. C. Wolbert, Clerk of the First District Police Court, reported that he had received as fines for the month of April, 1879, $163, which he had paid over to the City Treasurer.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, April 24th to 30th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	$6,779 67
Assessment account, total	549 03
Water account, total	3,448 78
Sinking Fund, 1873, account, total	518 11
" " 1876, " "	794 29

The City Treasurer reported the following balances credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account	$43,497 65
" " assessment account	
" " water account	
" " sinking fund, 1873	
" " " 1876	

All of the above reports were received and ordered filed

Communication from James N. Davis, Judge of the First District Police Court:

Jersey City, April 26, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I sincerely regret that you were of necessity compelled to make a reduction in the number of employes under your Honorable Board, and in that reduction you abolished the office of Clerk to the First District Police Court. Mr. Wolbert, during the term he has been there, has faithfully discharged his duty and if consistent with your efforts for a reduction in expenses, I would ask for him your favorable consideration

Respectfully,

JAMES N. DAVIS.

The communication was received and placed on file.

Communication from Thomas Earle, City Treasurer:

Jersey City, April 29th, 1879.

Hon Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The salary of the City Treasurer of Jersey City having been fixed by your Board at the rate of twenty-four hundred ($2,400) dollars, and I being the present incumbent, I do hereby consent and agree to perform the duties of said office and to receive as full compensation therefor the above sum of twenty-four hundred dollars.

THOMAS EARLE.

Signed in presence of John T. Van Cleef.

Communication from Samuel C. Nelson, City Comptroller:

Jersey City, April 29, 1879.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation;

Gentlemen—The salary of the City Comptroller of Jersey City having been fixed by your Board at the rate of twenty-four hundred ($2,400) dollars per annum and I being the present incumbent I do hereby accept and agree to perform the duties of said office, and to receive as full compensation therefor the above sum of twenty-four hundred dollars.

SAMUEL C. NELSON.

Signed in presence of John T. Van Cleef.

Communication from James H. Love, City Collector.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I, James H. Love, having been duly appointed City Collector of Jersey City by your Board at a meeting held April 12, 1879, and the salary having been fixed at the rate of twenty-four hundred ($2,400) dollars per annum, I do hereby accept said office and consent and agree to perform the duties thereof for the above stated salary as fixed by your honorable Board.

JAMES H. LOVE.

Signed in presence of John T. Van Cleef.

Communication from the assessors of the several districts of Jersey City:

Jersey City, April 28, 1879.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed assessors of Jersey City by the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City at a meeting held April 12, 1879, do hereby agree jointly and severally to perform the duties of assessors the duties of each to include the making out of tax bills for our respective districts for the term of one year from the expiration of our last term of office, for the sum of thirteen hundred ($1,300) dollars each. Michael Kilcauley, assessor 1st district; Dennis McLaughlin, assessor 2d district; Hugh Dugan, assessor 3d district; Martin Logan, assessor 4th district; John M. Park, assessor 5th district; James C. Clarke, assessor 6th district.

Each of the above communications were received and placed on file.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Appointment of J. Fitch Mallory as Clerk to the Board of Public Works, at a reduced salary of $1,490 per annum.

2. Appointment of John C. O'Lynch as Assistant Water Assessor at a salary of $1,000 per annum.

3. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for furnishing about 6,000 tons of coal at high service and Belleville.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board having reassembled, the members present were

President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 29, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, The salary of J. Fitch Mallory, Clerk of this Board, was reduced from $1,800 per year to $1,500, making a reduction of 16⅔ per per cent; and

Whereas, The Board of Finance and Taxation has non-concurred and recommended that he be paid a salary of $1,200; and

Whereas, The said Board of Finance and Taxation has reduced the pay of its appointees 18¾ per cent., therefore, be it

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation this Board hereby appoints J. Fitch Mallory Clerk of this Board for the year ending April 30th, 1880, at a salary of $1,460 per annum, the same being a reduction of 22 per cent. from his former salary, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as this Board will not concur at over $1,200 per year.

Resolved, That the following resolution,

adopted by the Board of Public Works April 29, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing about 6,000 tons of coal at high service and Belleville, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five hundred dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account to correct an error of warrant drawn from assessment account Board of Public of Works book No. 52, warrant No. 116.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be and are hereby authorized to have prepared funded debt coupon and registered bonds.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the following named appointees of this Board be discharged on and after May 1, 1879, Henry Pattberg, Jr., Francis P. Woodcock, John McAnnally and George T. Bouton, all of whom have been acting under detail to the Board of Works.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Drohan.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 8, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Drohan the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of J. L. Moore for the return of money paid in error on taxes. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from the Jordan Stationery Company with proposal to furnish stationery for the use of the Board at a large reduction from former prices and equal in quality in every particular. The following is a copy of the proposal:

	Prices paid by Board.	Prices we agree to furnish said articles.
Eleven assessor's books	$71 50	$55 00
3,000 affidavits for assessors.	36 00	31 00
21,000 assessor's notices	84 00	60 00
22 assessment books, demi-double	247 50	184 60
5,000 tax bills, 6 colors	38 00	20 00
Book 200 bonds	80 00	45 00
25 copies manuals, bound	43 75	18 50
Binding same and printing	8 00	3 00
500 ¼ cap resolutions	8 00	4 75
27,000 tax bills	148 50	81 00
25,000 tax bills, ½ folio	15 00	10 00
9,000 envelopes, printed	38 25	23 00
6 warrant books	45 00	20 00
Law case, 18 pages	232 50	130 00
4,000 tax bills	31 50	20 00
26,000 tax bills	156 00	78 00
2,500 tax bills	17 50	10 00
500 Envelopes	5 00	3 00
400 "	5 00	2 75
500 list off collections	49 47	12 50
15 warrant books	112 50	40 00
350 Envelopes	6 00	3 00
500 letter heads	8 00	5 00
1000 Envelopes	5 00	3 00
30 copies law case	60 00	25 00
	$1,521 99	$837 50

Binding manuals, $1 each.

Law cases, 80 cents per page.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Henry Traphagen of $117 06 for disbursements incurred by him as Corporation Attorney from March, 1877 to April, 1879. Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Claim of the J. C. Gas Light Co. of $148.49 for gas consumed at City Hall from January 1st to April 1st, 1879; claim of the N. J. Freie Presse for $14 for advertising assessors notices to taxpayers. Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Clerks under the control of this Board.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen--We, the undersigned employes of the Board of Finance and Taxation do hereby consent and agree to perform the duties assigned to us respectively for the several amounts set opposite our names, showing the rate per annum until otherwise ordered by your honorable body. Dated May 7th, 1879:

John T. Van Cleef, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $1 100; Isaac Morrow, Jr., clerk to Treasurer, $1,100; William Stevens, clerk to Comptroller, $1,100; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $1,200; Thomas K. Halstead, clerk to City Clerk, $720; N. E. Feury, clerk to City Clerk, $720; A. L. Sears, clerk to City Clerk; $720; S. D. Dickinson, clerk to City Collector, $720; James S. Connolly, clerk to City Collector, $720: John T. M. Kaylar, clerk to City Collector, $720; Seneca Barker, clerk to City Collector, $720; John Kennedy, clerk to City Collector. $720; L. E. Smith, clerk to City Collector, $720; Charles Krebs, clerk to City Collector, $720; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $300; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $300.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The City Treasurer reported the following balances credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account, assessment account, water account, sinking fund, 1873.. " " " " 1876..	$54,098 23

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, May 1st to 7th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	$7.779 23
Assessment account, total	548 84
Water account, total	4,829 91
Sinking Fund, 1873, account, total	650 81
" " 1876, " "	1,420 16

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer or one thousand dollars from the account of rents to account of the Committee on Heating and Ventilating for the purpose of purchasing coal during the present fiscal year. The resolution was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Appointment of Francis P. Woodcock as extra Clerk to Board of Public Works, at salary of $720 per annum.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for month of April, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of April, 1879, when due, viz: Henry J Hopper, Mayor, $133 33; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, City Comptroller, $300; James H. Love. City Collector, $200; Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, $333 33; Henry Traphagen, Corporation Attorney, 12 days. $66 48; Allan McDermott Corporation $75 06; William Stevens, clerk to Comptroller, $90; Isaac Morrow, jr., clerk to Treasurer, $90; John T. Van Cleef, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $90; Andrew D. Whyte; Assistant Collector, $112 50; James T. Grady, clerk to Collector, $76; E. D. Dickinson, clerk to Collector, $76; John T. M. Kaylar, clerk to Collector, $76; Walter Kissam, clerk to Collector, $76; Seneca Barker, clerk to Collector. $76; Lewis E. Smith, clerk to Collector. $76; Charles Krebs, clerk to Collector, $76; John Kennedy, clerk to Collector, $81 75; James E. Connolly, clerk to Collector, $61 75; James E. Browning, messenger, $47 50; Patrick O'Neill, tax bill distributor, $74 10; F. C. Wolbert, clerk to Police Court, $71 25; John McGuigan, Marshal 1st District Court, $71 25; William H. Powell, Marshal 2nd District Court, $57; Thomas K. Halstead, clerk to City Clerk, $90; N. E. Feury, clerk to City Clerk, $79 16; A. L. Sears, clerk to City Clerk, $79 16; Michael Kilcauley, Assessor 1st district, $112 50; Dennis McLaughlin, Assessor 2nd district, $112 50; Hugh Dugan, Assessor 3rd district, $112 50; Martin Logan, Assessor 4th district, $112 50; John M Park, Assessor 5th district, $112 50; James C. Clarke, Assessor 6th district $112 50; the Argus, printing minutes, $250; the Evening Journal, printing minutes, $250; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $34 20 Bridger Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $34 20.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 15, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr. Drohan the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were laid over for approval at the next regular meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The official bond of James Magee as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Benjamin F. Champney and Charles T. Lang as sureties, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Smith moved and carried, that the clerk be directed to notify John B Haight, Water Registrar, to file his bond with this Board.

Petition of Samuel Bridgart to be appointed an extra clerk, received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of George W. Cassidy of $4 for taking testimony in the case of Peter Henderson vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of the Argus of $57 90 for official printing. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Collector for stationery. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Collector:

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In accordance with your resolution dated April 9, 1879, I have prepared a list of delinquent taxpayers from 1872 to 1876, both years inclusive, and the list for 1877 will be ready in a few days

But I would most respectfully inform your honorable body that the above mentioned lists are not in shape for advertising, and it will require a great deal of time and labor to make out a list for that purpose and make copies of the above.

I would also recommend (if it is your intention to advertise in August) the appointment of a person who understands this work to take charge of said lists and to prepare a schedule of sale and compute the interest on same.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. LOVE, City Collector.

The communication was received and referred to the special Committee on Advertising.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury May 8th to 14th, 1879, both days included:

General Tax account, total	$8,295 82
Assessment account total	2,238 73
Water account total	6,994 65
Sinking Fund, 1873 total	428 43
Sinking Fund, 1876 total	434 73

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account, assessment account, water account, Sinking Fund 1873, Sinking Fund 1876	$66,652 58

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Appointment of Michael J. McMahon as extra clerk to Registrar at a salary of $60 per month.

2 Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 29, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation John O. C. Lynch be and is hereby appointed Assistant Water Assessor at a salary of $1,000 per annum, term to commence May 1st, 1879, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 6, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation F. P. Woodcock be and is hereby appointed extra clerk to the Board of Works at a salary of $60 per month, term to commence May 1st, 1879, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 13th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, this Board hereby appoints Michael J. McMahon extra clerk to the Registrar at a salary of $60 per month, in place of J. F. McAnally dismissed, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, your committee consider the appointment unnecessary.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported verbally on the claim of Henry Traphagen for disbursements, recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the report of the committee was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That coupon funded debt bonds of Jersey City of one thousand dollars each, bearing date February 1st, 1879, with interest coupons attached, bearing six per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually, February 1st and August 1st, be issued under the act of April 5th, 1878, the bonds to be issued under the seal of this city, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the Comptroller, the bonds to be payable February 1st, 1909, and that the same be sold by the Finance Committee to such an amount from time to time as shall be necessary to fund the temporary debt of Jersey City.

Resolved, That registered funded debt bonds be issued instead of coupon bonds whenever desired by purchasers.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 22, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of May 8th and May 15th was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

Inasmuch as several taxpayers on the line of Peirce avenue sewer were present, Mr. Taussig moved that they be given an opportunity to be heard. The motion was carried.

Mr. Frank addressed the Board, urging the improvement, as the people along the line were greatly in need of it.

Director Witch and others also urged the improvement.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of McAvoy Brothers of $29 60 for stationery furnished City Comptroller and office of the Board of Finance and Taxation. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of John B. Haight as Water Registrar in the sum of $50,000 with Isaac W. Scudder, Edward N. Wilson and Edward Skidner as sureties. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rule to show cause and notice of taking testimony in the case, The State, Edmund I. Kingsland, Pros. vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, The Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City, James H. Love, Collector of Taxes of Jersey City, Thomas Earle, Treasurer of Jersey City, Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury May 15th to 21st, 1879, both days included:

General Tax account, total	$6,641 42
Assessment account total	732 33
Water account total	12,949 16
Sinking Fund, 1873 total	540 69
Sinking Fund, 1876 total	628 53

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account, " assessment account, " water account, " Sinking Fund 1873, " Sinking Fund 1876	$135,083 39

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Water Registrar:

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen since the date of my last report to your honorable body the following lists of measured water have been placed in my hands for collection, viz.:

Measured water due	Dec. 1st, 1878	$10,003 84
" " "	Jan. 1st, 1879	11,344 42
" " "	Feb. 1st, 1879	18,092 65
" " "	Mar. 1st, 1879	13,127 86
" " "	April 1st, 1879	11,981 81
" " "	May 1st, 1879	16,356 34

Yours respectfully,

JOHN B. HAIGHT, Registrar.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to purchase two horses for the street department at a cost not to exceed two hundred dollars each.

2. Appointing P. J. Condon Street Commissioner at a salary of $1,500 per annum, term to commence June 1, 1879.

3. Fixing the compensation for the Commissioners of Assessment.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the official bond of John B. Haight as Water Registrar, recommending the same be spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported on claim of George W. Cassidy recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $4 be paid to George W. Cassidy for taking testimony in the case of Peter Henderson, plaintiff, vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports of the committee were received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 20th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Board hereby appoints Patrick J. Condon Street Commissioner at a salary at the rate of $1,500 per annum, term to commence June 1, 1879, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 20, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to purchase two horses for the street and sewer department at a price not to exceed two hundred dollars each, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee on advertising for sales for past due taxes reported progress.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the sum of $50 16 be paid to Henry Traphagen for services rendered as Corporation Attorney in addition to the amount ordered paid by resolution of May 8, 1879, being balance due him in full for his salary.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the Coupon Water Bonds ordered issued under the resolution of April 26, 1879, may be exchanged for Registered Bonds whenever desired.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars on account of county tax of 1878.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars on account of State tax of 1878.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board what power, if any, the Board of Public Works has to appoint Inspectors of Sewers, Inspector of Schoolhouse or any other employes or officers, also to what extent can that Board purchase materials or supplies without the concurrence of this Board.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Drohan notified the Board that he would at the next meeting move for the signing and delivering of the March salary warrants unless they were signed and delivered before that time.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 29, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John S. Pierson for the return of difference between old assessment and reassessment for improvement of Summit avenue, from Crawford to Wayne street; also difference between old assessment and new assessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue, from Grand to Crawford street, received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Official bond of Thomas Dolan, as Sealer of Weights and Measures, with Charles Somers and Joseph T. Kelly as sureties in the sum of $2,000, received and referred to Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of C. S. Clarke, jr., of $34 05 for stationery; claim of the Jersey City Herald of $12 for publishing Assessors' notices, both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Thomas Earle of $17 40 for incidental expenses, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisitions from City Clerk for four warrant books and two schedule books. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that it was necessary that an extra clerk be appointed to assist in making out a list of delinquent taxpayers and description of property on which taxes remain unpaid to be used for the proposed sale for unpaid taxes. He recommended the appointment of James T. Grady.

Mr. Drohan moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Taussig moved as an amendment that it be referred to the special committee on advertising tax bills.

The amendment was put and carried by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Nays—Mr. Drohan.

The original motion as amended was then put and carried by the following vote:

Yeas--President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nays—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Collector and City Clerk, and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit	tax account.....	$104,858 67
" "	assessment account	
" "	water account.....	
" "	sinking fund, 1873..	
" "	sinking fund, 1876..	

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, May 22d to 28th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total		.....	$14,805 67
Assessment	"	"	509 71
Water	"	"	10,342 32
Sinking fund, 1873	"	.....	462 25
" " 1876	"	....	1,011 61

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, May 26th, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The Board of Works cannot appoint without your concurrence any employe except those named in sections 20, 21 and 22 of the supplement to the City Charter of March 27th, 1874, and it is very doubtful indeed if they can without such concurrence appoint any of those named in section 20. Mr. Lewis, May 5th, 1874, gave an opinion that they could not, as you will see by a copy of his opinion, which I enclose

I am therefore of opinion that the Board of Works cannot appoint an inspector of sewers or an inspector of school house without your concurrence.

I am further of the opinion that the Board of Works cannot purchase any material or supplies without the concurrence of your Board either by a general resolution authorizing an expenditure up to a certain sum or by a special resolution authorizing the specific purchase desired to be made.

I also enclose an opinion sent by me to the Board of Public Works, April 7th, 1879, in reply to an inquiry stated in the opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and a copy sent to the Mayor and Board of Public Works.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Authorizing the Committee on Railroads, Wharves and Bridges to have ten spring piles driven at the end of Morgan street dock for the protection of the same,

2. Authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to paint the roof of the corporation stable on Wayne street.

3. Authorizing the Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for proposals for 1,000 lengths of cast iron pipe.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the official bond of James Magee as constable, recommending that the same be returned to him as defective.

The same committee reported on claim of Thomas Earle, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $17 40 be paid to Thomas Earle for incidental expenses ordered by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports were received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of May, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of May, 1879, when due, viz:

Henry J. Hopper, mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, city treasurer, $200; Samuel C Nelson, city comptroller, $200; James H. Love, city collector, $200; Leon Abbett, corporation counsel, $333 33; Alan McDermott, corporation attorney, $125; Wm. Stevens, clerk to comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., clerk to treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. White, assistant collector, $100; S. D. Dickinson, clerk to collector, $60; John T M. Kaylar, clerk to collector, $60; Seneca Barker, clerk to collector, $60; Louis Smith, clerk to collector, $60; Charles Krebs, clerk to collector, $60; John Kennedy, clerk to collector, $60; James E. Connolly, clerk to collector, $60; Wm. H. Powell, marshal 2d district court; $50; Thomas K. Halsted, clerk to city clerk, $60; N. E. Feury, clerk to city clerk, $60; A. L. Sears, clerk to city clerk, $60; Michael Kilcauley assessor 1st district, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, assessor 2d district, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, assessor 3d district, $108 33; Martin Logan, assessor 4th district, $108 33; John M. Park, assessor 5th district, $108 33; James C. Clarke, assessor 6th district, $108 33; The Evening Journal printing minutes, $208 33; The Argus printing minutes, $208 33; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in city hall, $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in city hall, $25.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee on advertising for tax sales reported on communication from the City Collector recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That James T. Grady be and he is hereby appointed an extra clerk to the City Collector at a salary of $60 per month, term to commence June 2, 1879, and to hold office at the pleasure of the Board.

By Mr. Smith:

Moved, That the report of the Committee be received and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Mullins moved to amend the resolution as reported by the committee by inserting the name of Walter Kissam in the place and stead of James T. Grady.

Mr. Smith raised a point of order stating that under the charter whenever this Board appointed clerks to the Collector no such appointment shall be made except upon the nomination of the City Collector, section 50, act of March 25, 1873.

Mr. Drohan argued that under section 18 of the act of March 27, 1874, the number of clerks was limited to six, but that the Board had power to appoint additional clerks under section 24 of the same act, without their being nominated by the City Collector, otherwise it would be inconsistant, and section 26, same act, provides for the repeal of all acts and parts of acts inconsistant.

The President ruled that the point of order raised by Mr. Smith was well taken and decided that the vote should be upon the original resolution as reported by the committee.

It was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nays—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of forty-one thousand, five hundred dollars to transfer that amount from General Account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty three thousand dollars to transfer that amount from water account to general account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for June, 1879:

On general account	$941 50
On assessment "	45,500 00
On water "	8,680 90

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday June 5, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

On motion of Mr Taussig the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John McGuigan for services as Marshal to the First District Court, for the month of May. Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Claim of Evening Journal Association of $50 40 for advertising Assessors' notices. Claim of A. J. Wilson of $2 for cleaning and repairing stamps in office. Claim of B. F. Corduan of $3 for repairing and altering locks in City Hall. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of John E. Scott as City Clerk in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars with Orestes Cleveland and Peter Bentley as sureties, Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller and City Clerk, all of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury May 29th to June 4th, 1879, both days included:

General Tax account, total	$9,499 55
Assessment account total	632 29
Water account total	35,669 02
Sinking Fund, 1873 total	131 02
Sinking Fund, 1876 total	1,421 29

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City depositories at the close of business this day to be $58,312 83.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works showing amount of money needed by the different committees for the three months ending September 1st, 1879, and ordering paid certain claims, were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board having re-assembled the members present were President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the official bond of John E. Scott as City Clerk, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

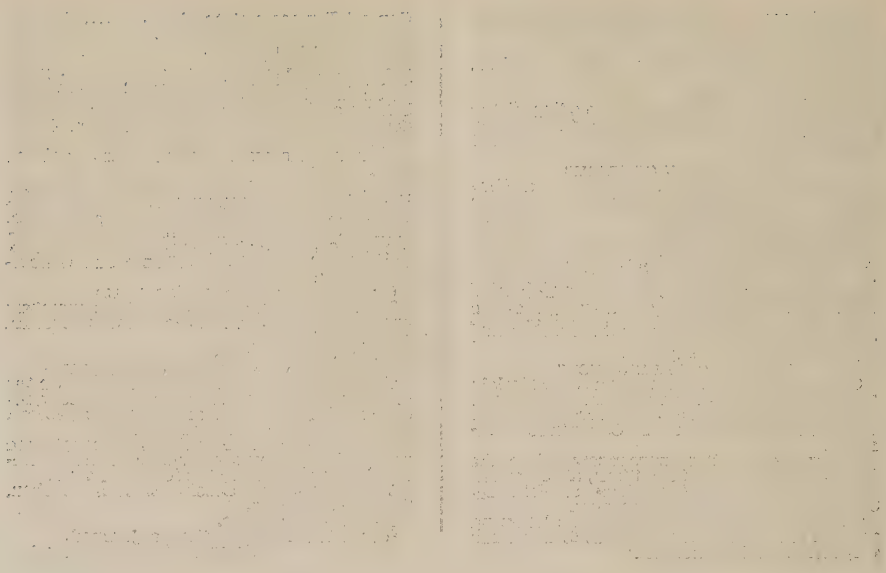
The President having called for the ayes and nays, the report was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 12, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the Jersey City Schutzen Corps to attend their annual shooting festival at the Greenville Schutzen Park on Monday, June 23d inst., was received and accepted.

Petition of the Lafayette M E. Church by William Stevens for return of money paid in error on assessment. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of J. B. Coles for return of money paid in error on taxes of 1873. Received and referred to the same committee.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Anness & Blauvelt of $6 55 for repairing manifold boards. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, June 5th to 11th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	.....		$6,280 13
Assessment	"	"	2,446 47
Water	"	"	16,407 90
Sinking fund, 1873	"	.....	843 35
" " 1876	"	....	568 86

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $74,270 14.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment map:

Grading Ocean avenue, Danforth avenue to Atlantic avenue, $2,359 90.

All of the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Preamble and resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to concur in the resolution for the construction of a sewer in Pierce avenue, as the want of proper sewerage at present is dangerous to the lives of the several hundred children visiting school No. 10, corner of Paterson street and Pierce avenue.

On motion the preamble and resolution were received and placed on file.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Appointing John Wright inspector of Sherman Place and Central avenue sewer, term to commence May 15th, 1879.

2. Appointing Hugh Murphy inspector of school house No. 21 on 12th street, at a salary at the rate of $3 per day, term to commence May 15th, 1879.

3. Awarding contract to Northrop & Co. for furnishing and delivering about 6,000 tons of coal at $3 10 per ton of 2,240 lbs.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board re-assembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the official bond of Thomas Dolan as Sealer of Weights and Measures, recommending that the same be spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported verbally on the claim of Henry Traphagen for disbursements, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

The President having called for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 10th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrenee of the Board of Finance and Taxation this Board hereby appoints John Wright, Inspector on Sherman Place and Central avenue sewer, term to commence May 15th, 1879, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, your committee do not believe this Board can legally concur in any appointment ante-dated.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 10th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation this Board hereby appoints Hugh Murphy Inspector of Public School building No. 21, on 12th street, at a salary of $3 per day, term to commence May 15th, 1879, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation. Your Committee do not believe that this Board can legally concur in any appointment ante-dated.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 10th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and delivering about 6,000 tons of coal be and is hereby awarded to Northrop & Co., at the price named in their proposal, viz: three dollars and ten cents ($3.10) per ton of 2240 pounds, they being the lowest bidders, and that the Corp oration Attorney be and is hereby notified to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and claims reported on claim of John McGuigan recommending that it be returned to him as irregular.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the report was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions;

On claim of A. J. Wilson:

Resolved, That the sum of $2 be paid to A. J. Wilson for cleaning and repairing stamps in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of B. F. Corduan:

Resolved, That the sum of $3 be paid to B. F. Corduan for repairs to locks, &c., in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of McAvoy Bros.:

Resolved, That the sum of $29 60 be paid to McAvoy Bros., for stationery furnished Comptroller and office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday June 19, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the Sheares Club to attend their picnic June 26, 1879. Received and accepted.

Petitions of Frank Thwing and D. G. Elliott, both for the return of money paid twice in error on water rents.

Petition of James Desmond for the return of difference between the old and new assessment. All received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of H. A. Greene of $11 for postage stamps furnished City Comptroller. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationary and Supplies.

Claim of M. T. Newbold of $24 49 for costs on demurrer in the case of Henry H. Kleine vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions from the City Treasurer and Board of Assessors were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Treasurer reported the following balances credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit	tax account		
"	"	assessment account	$322,951 41
"	"	water account	
"	"	sinking fund, 1873	
"	"	sinking fund, 1876	

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury June 12th to 18th, 1879, both days included:

General tax	$247,983 59
Assessment account	2,433 42
Water	17,749 58
Sinking fund, 1873	558 00
" 1876	584 30

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Jersey City, June 19, 1879.

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The subject matter of the construction of a sewer in Pierce avenue, from Congress to South street, thence to Summit avenue to Bowers street to connect with the present main sewer is now before your honorable body for concurrence in a resolution ordering the improvement from the Board of Public Works.

I have been solicited by a number of property owners in the immediate vicinity and along the line of the proposed sewer to favor this particular improvement because of the great necessity and as a matter specially affecting the health of a large number of our people.

I have latterly opposed the making of general improvements because of the present condition of our finances and deem this objection still important enough in general point of view, but believing from representations made by the gentlemen referred to and as a sanitary measure affecting the health not alone of the immediate residents but of a large number of children attending the public schools upon this avenue, the cellar of which contains much stagnant water and having no means for drainage.

The question of health is above all other considerations in city matters and I therefore respectfully suggest favorable action by your honorable body at your earliest opportunity, and will approve the same when regularly presented.

Respectfully submitted,

HERNY J. HOPPER.

The communication was received, ordered spread at large on the minutes and filed.

A communication was received from the City Collector, with lists of unpaid taxes, and description of property. The following is a copy of the communication:

June 19th, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with instructions from your honorable body I herewith present a list of the taxes remaining unpaid in the late township of Greenville, now a portion of the Sixth Aldermanic District for the years 1869, 1870, 1871 and 1872; also for Jersey City for 1872, 1873 and 1874.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. LOVE.

The communication and description lists were received at five minutes of ten o'clock Thursday, June 19th, 1879, and referred to Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to employ men for repairing streets, &c.

2. Authorizing Committee on Streets and Sewers to have pavement on Ocean avenue, between Myrtle avenue and Atlantic avenue, sprinkled with water at a cost not to exceed $100 per month.

3. Appointing William Greenleaf weigher of coal at Belleville at $2 50 per day.

4. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to employ men for the different departments under their charge.

5. Authorizing the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to purchase sundry articles.

6 Appointing Hugh Murphy inspector of school No. 21 on 12th street.

7. Appointing John Wright inspector on sewer in Sherman place and Central avenue.

8. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to purchase horse feed to an amount not to exceed $350.

9. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board having reassembled the members present were President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the communication and descriptive lists of unpaid taxes received from the City Collector, recommending that the communication and lists be received and approved. The committee stated through its chairman that it had a resolution in connection with the communication which would be presented in the order of Miscellaneous Business and recommended that it be adopted.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board af Public Works March 18, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 10th day of September, 1878, application was made to this Board for the construction of a sewer in Oakland avenue, from 40 feet northeast of Waverly street to Hoboken avenue, and in Laidlaw avenue, from 75 feet southeast of Central avenue to connect with the above described sewer in Oakland avenue; and

Whereas, On the 27th day of January, 1879, the Commissioners of Assessments filed with the Board of Public Works their preliminary sketch for said improvement; and

Whereas, On the 17th day of March, 1879, this Board met and heard all parties interested in said application who appeared and all remonstrances against the said improvement that were presented in writing; and

Whereas, This Board has determined that a remonstrance against the said improvement signed by the owners of the property liable to more than one-half of the assessment therefor has not been presented; therefore

Resolved That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the said improvement be made, and that the contract for said work and materials be awarded to

Thomas Farrell, he being the lowest bidder for the whole work and materials, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

President Beach being excused from voting.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 18, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 13th day of August, 1878, application was made to this Board for the construction of a sewer in Pierce avenue to South street, through South street to Summit avenue, through Summit avenue to Bowers street, through Bowers street to connect with sewer now constructed about 260 feet east of Summit avenue; and

Whereas, On the 14th day of January, 1879, the Commissioners of Assessments filed with the Board of Public Works their preliminary sketch for said improvement; and

Whereas, On the 10th day of March 1879, this Board met and heard all parties interested in said application who appeared and all remonstrances against the said improvement that were presented in writing; and

Whereas, This Board has determined that a remonstrance against the said improvement, signed by the owners of property liable to more than one-half the assessment therefore has not been presented: therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the said improvement be made, and that the contract for said work and materials be awarded to Peter Tuhoy and Dennis Ward, they being the lowest bidders for the whole work and materials, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 3d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the City Charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works dependent on the several committees, by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, be and are hereby authorized to expend for the three months ending September 1st, 1879, for incidental expenses and matters not heretofore concurred in, an amount of money not exceeding the several amounts set opposite each committee, viz: Streets and Sewers, $20,000; Pumping and Reservoirs, $3,000; Extensions and Distributions, $3,000; Water Rates and Assessments, $3,000; Public Buildings and Grounds, $1,000; Printing and Stationery, $300; Railroads, Wharves and Bridges, $500. be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 17, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers of this Board be and they are hereby authorized to employ any number of foremen, pavers, rammers, drivers, laborers and sewermen for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the city charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works dependent upon that committee not exceeding 125 men at any one time for cleaning and repairing streets and sewers at salaries in no case to exceed $750 per annum, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 17, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs of this Board be and are hereby authorized to employ any number of assistants and laborers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the city charter and discharging the duties of the Board of Public Works dependent upon said committee, not exceeding 26 men at any one time at the Jersey City Water Works at Belleville at Reservoir No. 2 and High Service Works as assistant engineers, firemen, oilers, coal passers, riggers, teamsters, machinist, High Service engineers, reservoir keeper and telegraph operator at bridge, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 17, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation John Wright is hereby appointed Inspector of sewer now in course of construction in Sherman place and Central avenue at a salary of $3.50 per day, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 17th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to purchase horse feed to an amount not to exceed $350, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 17, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be and are hereby authorized to purchase two gross boxes of matches, four scrubbing brushes, four brooms, 50 lbs. of soap and four mops be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 17th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Hugh Murphy is hereby appointed Inspector on School House No. 21 on 12th street, now in course of erection, at a salary of $3 per day, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 17th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Wm. Greenleaf is hereby appointed weigher of coal at Belleville at a salary of $2 50 per day, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of H. A Greene.

Resolved, That the sum of $11 be paid to H. A. Green for postage stamps furnished Comptroller.

On claim of Anness & Blauvelt.

Resolved, That the sum of $6 55 be paid to Anness & Blauvelt for tinning manifold boards, &c., in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That after July 1st, 1879, the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to charge

ten per centum interest on all taxes remaining unpaid on that date.

By Mr Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for July, 1879,

On general account	$40,000
" " "	19,408
On assessment "	30,000
" " "	32,930
On water "	73,315

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously:

By Mr. Taussig:

Whereas, The time limited for the payment of the taxes of 1872, 1873 and 1874 of Jersey City, and of 1869, 1870, 1871 and 1872 of the late township of Greenville, now part of the Sixth Aldermanic Disirict of Jersey levied and assessed according to law on lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits of Jersey City has expired and a portion of the taxes for said years as aforesaid remain unpaid as appears by a list of unpaid taxes for said years prepared by the City Collector from the books in his office and laid before this Board for action thereon; therefore

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to sell at public auction as soon as can conveniently be done pursuant to the city charter of Jersey City and the supplements thereto and the general laws of this State applicable thereto after making advertisement and giving such notice of said sale as required by law said lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits ef Jersey City on which taxes of Jersey City for said years of 1872, 1873 and 1874 have been assessed and within the limits of the late township of Greenville now part of the Sixth Aldermanic district of Jersey City, on which taxes of the late township of Greenville were assessed for the years 1869, 1870, 1871 and 1872, and remain unpaid at the time of said sale for the non-payment of said taxes together with all interests and costs thereunto added pursuant to said charter and supplements and the general laws of the State applicable thereto and that said sale may be continued from day to day until all the property is offered for sale, and that the City Treasurer shall purchase for the city all property remaining unsold at the end of said sale.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote;

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig

Nay—Mr. Drohan.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

By Mr. Drohan and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our Corporation Counsel, the Hon. Leon Abbett has by the death of his beloved wife met with an irreparable loss; therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, do sympathize and mourn with him in his great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be directed to forward to the Hon. Leon Abbett a copy of the above preamble and resolution.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday June 26, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion of Mr Taussig the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Andrew Kinney, James Coughlin, Patrick Mulhearn, Edward Caughlin, Thos. Appleton and M. Connelly, for return of difference between old and new assessment, construction of a sewer in Colden street. Received and referred to Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Claim of John T. Van Cleef of $17 50 for disbursements. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claims of the Jordan Stationery Company of $44 30 and $82 16 for stationery furnished Treasurer, Collector and Assessors; claim of John Bird & Son of $71 65 for carpenter work in Collector's office; claim of H. A. Greene of $15 for postage stamps; claim of B. F. Corduan of $2 50 for repairing locks in City Hall; claim of The Argus of $101 and $142 25 for official printing. All received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationary and Supplies

Claim of Randolph & Talcott, $59 01 tax costs on Postea Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. The Morris Canal, &c., Co. Received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Claim of Edward Hutchings of $20 for letter press and stand. Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney stating that the bill of Henry Traphagen against the city for disbursements was a legal charge except the first, second and third items for making copies of specifications. He recommended that the claim be audited for $106 86. Received and referred with the claim to the Committee on Finance.

The City Treasurer reported the sum of $352,265 64, as the balance to the different accounts in the city depositories at the close of business June 26, 1879

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from June 19 to 25, inclusive, to be $34,909 32.

A communication and resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners informing the Board that there will be required for that department of the city government for the fiscal year beginning Dec. 1, 1879:

For salaries	$78,000
For general account	22,000
Total	$100,000

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to issue and sell coupon water bonds of Jersey City payable in not less than 20 nor more than 40 years, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually to an amount sufficient for the conversion and liquidation of the five ten-year water bonds of $10,000 each, balance due July 1, 1879, and issued by the former city of Bergen. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid claims of the Argus.
2. Ordering paid claims of the Jersey City Herald.
3. Ordering paid claims of the N. J. Freie Presse.
4. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works in regard to the issue of bonds recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be issued and sold by this Board coupon water bonds of Jersey City, payable in thirty years, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of July and January of each year, to an amount sufficient for the conversion and liquidation of five ten-year water bonds of ten thousand dollars each, falling due July 1, 1879, and issued by the former city of Bergen; and

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be and are hereby authorized and directed to have bonds printed and prepared in accordance with the above resolution:

The same committee reported on claim of M. T. Newbold, attorney of Henry H. Kleine, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-four dollars and forty-nine cents ($24 49) be paid to M. T. Newbold for tax costs on demurrer in the suit of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. said Henry H. Kleine.

The same committee reported on the claim of Henry Traphagen for disbursements as Corporation Attorney, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claim of Henry Traphagen, late Corporation Attorney, for disbursements and expenses while in office, be considered correct for $106 86, and that a warrant be drawn to his order for said amount, being in full for all claims he may have against the city on account of expenses or disbursements while in the office of Corporation Attorney.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the three above resolutions, the first two were adopted unanimously; the last resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

The same committee reported on claim of John T. VanCleef for disbursments recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $17 50 be paid to John T. VanCleef for disbursements made as Clerk of this Board from Dec. 11, 1878 to June 6, 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported an concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 17, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 14th day of July, 1879, the time expires for the contractor to keep the pavement in order on Ocean avenue between Myrtle avenue and Atlantic avenue; and

Whereas, It is to the interest of the city and preservation of the pavement that it should be spinkled with water; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to employ parties to sprinkle with water the Telford pavement on Ocean avenue between Myrtle avenue and Atlantic avenue at a sum not to exceed $100 per month be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of John B. Coles 3d for adjustment of taxes on property owned by him, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to transfer the taxes paid in error November 11, 1873, to wit: On lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, block 224, the sum of $21 60 each; lots 7 and 8, block 261, the sum of $21 60 and $24 30 respectfully, and plot 1, block 324, the sum of $54 with penalty and interest paid of $2 77, a total of $189 07; to lots 4 and 8, block 320.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary lists for the month of June, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of the salaries to the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending June 30, 1879, viz: Marcus Beach, $125; M. M. Drohan, $125, John Mullins, $125, S. H. Smith, $125; Isaac W. Taussig, $125.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of June, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of June, 1879, when due, viz: Henry J. Hopper, mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, city treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, city comptroller, $200; James H. Love, city collector, $200; Leon Abbett, corporation counsel, $333 33; Allan L. McDermott, corporation attorney, $125; William Stevens, clerk to comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., clerk to treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, assistant collector, $100; S. D. Dickinson, clerk to collector, $60; John T. M. Kaylar, clerk to collector, $60; Seneca Barker, clerk to collector, $60; Louis E. Smith, clerk to collector, $60; James T Grady, clerk to collector, $60; Charles Krebs, clerk to collector, $60; John Kennedy, clerk to collector, $60; James E. Connolly, clerk to collector, $60; William H. Powell, marshal 2d district court, $50; Thomas K. Halstead, clerk to city clerk, $60; N. E. Feury, $60; A. L. Sears, $60; Michael Kilcauley, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, $108 33; Martin Logan, $108 33; John M. Park, $108 33; James C. Clarke, $108 33; The Argus, printing minutes, $208 33; the Evening Journal, printing minutes, $208 33; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms, $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms, $25.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee on advertising for tax sales reported that they had made all the necessary arrangements with the official newspapers for the publishing of the tax sales for unpaid taxes of 1872, 1873 and 1874, of old Jersey City and the unpaid taxes of the former township of Greenville; and submitted to the Board two memoranda of agreements between the City of Jersey City and the four official newspapers in regard to their compensation for publishing the tax sales, and the committee recommended that the Board accept and approve of the said agreements and requested to be discharged.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the adoption of the above report, the report and recommendations were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be credited on account of county taxes, as follows: $15,000 on 1875 and $10,000 on 1876.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from General account to Water account to repay part of loan.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board be and he is hereby directed to notify the different Boards constituting the government of Jersey City to send to this Board an estimate of appropriations required by them for the proper maintenance of the various departments for the next fiscal year.

By Mr. Drohan:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to pay the salaries of the city employes for the months of March and April, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 3, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was, on motion of Mr. Taussig, dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of James Cummings to have corrected an error in taxes made in the Collector's office. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Carl Struver to have refunded money paid the city in redemption of property from tax sales. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petitions of Anthony Gillen and George S. Appleton to have refunded the difference between old and new assessment for construction of sewer in Colden street. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from Henry Traphagen, late Corporation Attorney, informing the Board of his refusal to accept the warrant ordered drawn in his favor for the sum of $106 86, in full for all claims, as he still has other claims against the city not yet presented. Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Henry Traphagen of $915 73 for taxed costs in cases against the city in which he was attorney for defendant. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Board of Directors of Education informing this Board that the estimate of expenses required for their various committees for the next fiscal year was as follows:

Teachers and salaries	$196,000
Books, stationery and music	10,000
Furniture and repairs	10,000
Rentals	2,000
Printing and blanks	2,000
Free Library	1.000
Janitors and janitors' supplies	1,500
Heating and ventilating	10,000
Census	2,000
High School	250
Plans of new buildings	100
Normal School	100
	$234,950

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The City Treasurer reported $147,516 47 as the balance in the city depositories to the credit of the city at close of business July 3, 1879:

The City Comptroller reported $194,589 04 as the total amount of receipts of the City Treasury June 26 to July 2, 1879, both days included.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.
2. Ordering paid claims of the Evening Journal.
3. Ordering paid claim of J. L. McGimpsey.
4. Appointing W. W. Ruggles Chief Engineer at a salary of $2,000 per annum, and requesting this Board to fix the amount of his bonds.

That portion of the latter concurrent resolution referring to the official bond of the Chief Engineer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board having reassembled the members present were

President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions reported an concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 25th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $5 be paid to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for Bergen avenue improvement from Union street to Myrtle avenue; $2 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for Belmont avenue improvement from Bergen to Monticello avenue: $2 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for widening Cottage street from Nelson avenue to N. J. R. R. & T. Co.'s property; $5 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for Pierce ave. sewer, Summit ave. and Bowers street; $5 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for Oakland avenue sewer from Hoboken avenue to Waverly street and Laidlaw ave. from 75 feet east of Central ave. to Oakland ave., $140 to P. Obergfell for two new carts; $243 70 to W. H. Waite for feed; $36 88 to P. D. O'Mara for repairing roof at Belleville; $22 47 to A. E. Sanford for timber; $10 60 to The Argus for advertising notice to insurance companies and auction sale of Third precinct station house; $22 95 to C. A. Woolsey for blocks and ropes; $5 50 to C. L. Woolsey for matches; $18 to The Argus for printing manuals; $12 50 to The Argus for advertising notice for opening of Pacific avenue from Washington avenue to boundary line between Jersey City and Greenville; $12 50 to The Argus for advertising notice for opening of Washington avenue from Currie's Estate to Grand street: $2 50 to The Argus for printing circulars for the opening of Washington avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 1st, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $5 60 be paid to N. J. Car Spring and Rubber Co., for repairing hose; $4 85 to Thomas Doran for plumbing work; $205 88 to J. F. McCoy for pig lead; $53 to Union Water Meter Co. for meters; $23 35 to N. J. Car Spring Co. for valves; $177 84 to R. D. Wood & Co. for valves; $98 40 to Davenport, Osthout & Treacy for castings, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 8th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $66 15 be paid to C. J. Winant for sand; $18 to Michael O'Mara for horse shoeing; $38 23 to John Dickson for feed; $154 33 to F. A. Smith for hose, brooms, &c; $3 37 to F. A. Smith for red lead: $17 34 to D. C. Farley for pipe, &c; $150 to the Improved Eureka Boiler Covering Co., for covering boilers at Belleville; $15 31 to D. C. Farley for sundries, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 15th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $18 25 be paid to Patrick Ryan for blacksmith work; $12 to John A. Vill for repairing harness; $25 48 to Claus Prigge for feed; $93 20 to P. Obergfell for blacksmith work; $111 39 to John A. Bouker for sand; $24 59 to T. S. Woolman for stationery for Engineering Bureau; $13 to William Ormsby for sand $16 50 to Joseph Stanford for carting; $48 65 to Backus & Crane for lumber; $16 17 to A. E. Sanford for lumber; $4 71 to National Rubber Co. for springs; $8 to R. Gray, Jr., for flue scrapers; $1 to F. A. Smith for cotton waste; $107 50 to Thomas Sheridan for carting iron pipe; $18 99 to J. F. Maxwell & Co. for feed; $2 10 to J. C. Herald for advertising notices to fire insurance companies; $25 76 to McAvoy Bros. for stationery; $43 50 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $2 40 to Freie Presse for advertising notice of opening of Pacific avenue, between Washington avenue and the former boundary line between Greenville and Jersey City; $2 40 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice of opening of Washington avenue, from lands of late James Currie to Grand street; $2 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice of opening of Pacific avenue, between Washington avenue and the former boundary line between Greenville and Jersey City; $2 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice of opening of Washington avenue, from lands of late James Currie to

Grand street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 22, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $28 75 be paid to F. A. Smith for axes, shovels, &c; $2 to J. W. Harrison for surveying pins for Engineering Bureau; $13 75 to J. C. Gas Light Co. for gas in stables; $17 24 to Washburn & Bro. for pipe and cement; $58 50 to Passaic Zinc Works for cinders; $62 35 to John A. Vill for repairing harness, &c.; $9 76 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $3 30 to F H Reidell for labor and materials at high service; $16 75 to Patrick McKenna for painting and brushes; $9 34 to National Rubber Company for valves; $27 to John A. Vill for new harness; $261 60 to R H Worthington for labor and materials on air pump at Belleville; $25 55 to E H Hilchen for plumbing work; $196 24 to Steele & Condict for sundries for pipe yard; $69 96 to Davenport, Oothout & Treacy for castings; $18 to James Rafter for water troughs; $6 to R A Randall & Son for repairing harness, &c; $6 to The Argus for printing plumbers reports; $25 to Samuel P Shipman for case for maps; $68 to McAvoy Bros for water books; $5 50 to Farrier & Garretson for hose, &c; $31 50 to Jordan Stationery Company for stationery; $27 to The Argus for printing manuals, bill-heads and reports, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 30th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $59 be paid to the Jersey City Gas Light Co. for gas for office to April 1st, 1879; $4 88 to Empire Carpet Cleaning Co. for cleaning carpets; $40 18 to Thomas Kennelly for labor and materials at office; $54 93 to Farrier & Garretson for plumbing work; $4 to The Argus for printing manuals; $29 50 to John J Corbett for stationery, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 6th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $16 be paid to George Wood for wood and coal; $14 20 to Clements & May for plumbing work; $23 10 to Myles Tierney for flagging, &c; $171 71 to J. F. McCoy for pig lead; $48 to Thomas Trotter for carting iron pipe; $5 65 to C. L. Woolsey for soap, &c.; $65 92 to Anthony Dwyer for painting, &c.; $12 45 to W. N. Hogan for coal, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 13th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $9 70 be paid to T. S. Woolman for stationery for Engineering Bureau; $28 50 to Hodgman & Co., for rubber boots; $4 60 to O. H. Perry for coal; $31 40 to Claus Prigge for feed; $31 41 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $20 to Estate of John Doyle for horseshoeing; $9 06 to Henry O'Neill for mason work on engine house; $442 80 to Henry O'Neill for puddling clay, &c.; $7 50 to Am. Dist. Tel. Co., for rent of instrument to May, 1879; $35 to H. A. Greene for postage stamps; $35 45 to C. S. Clarke, Jr., for stationery; $5 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice for water rents; $59 40 to Geo. A. Wood for sundries; $1 05 to Wm. H. Ewald for time books; $4 55 to Henry Strunch for six logs for water pipe; $107 68 to John Maloney for plumbing work; $39 55 to Geo. A. Wood for sundries; $84 98 to Steele & Condict for sleeves; $3 20 to Herman Tietger for putting in glass; $5 20 to Evening Journal Association for advertising fire hydrants; $3 88 to Wm. Ames & Co., for screw bolts; $36 50 to Robert McCloskey for shades, &c.; $1 95 to Geo. A. Wood for sponges, brushes, &c.; $3 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising sale of old building on Oakland avenue; $10 to Evening Journal Association for advertising for the opening of Pacific avenue, between Washington avenue and the former boundary line between Greenville and Jersey City; $10 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising for the opening of Washington avenue, between Grand street and estate of Currie, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 20th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $14 25 be paid to W. H. Waite for feed; $6 24 to Jacob Skillman for oak plank, &c.; $37 11 to John Dixon for feed; $7 76 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank; $24 00 to Sherry & Dugan for horseshoeing; $28 60 to Ahlemeyer Bros. for blacksmith work; $2049 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank; $8 to J. H. Gautier & Co. for prepared clay; $22 62 to J. F. Maxwell & Co. for feed for water department; $79 50 to The Argus for advertising notices of water rents; $67 to Jordan Stationery Co. for bill heads for water rents; $24 to A. P. Eikeman for posting water rent notices; $25 to John H. Keeney for work on Armory in Mercer street, 1877-78; $110 to John H. Keeney for mason work, painting, varnishing, &c., done in Mayor's and City Clerk's room in City Hall as per contract; $130 to M. H. Maxsell for one safe for Engineering Bureau, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works May 27, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $12 70 be paid to James Kelter for earth filling on Montgomery street; $77 40 to P. Obergfell for blacksmith work; $9 10 to R. C. Blackwell for drugs; $42 to Wm. Gaston for horseshoeing; $4 to The Argus for blanks; $2 40 to the Freie Presse for advertising notice to coal dealers; $1 80 to J C. Herald for advertising notice to coal dealers; $170 36 to McCoy & Co, for pig lead; $15 85 to Michael P. Moran for plumbing work; $9 86 to Hudson Ice Co. for ice for pipe yard; $1 75 to F. P. Woodcock for cerified copy of an act relating to the sale of lands for water rents; $108 to the Argus for advertising notice of opening and widening of Washington avenue, from estate of Currie to Grand street, and 450 posters for same; $22 to J. C. Herald for advertising notices of opening and widening of Washington avenue, from estate of Currie to Grand street; $26 to Freie Presse for advertising notices of opening and widening of Washington avenue, from estate of Currie to Grand street; $27 50 to the Argus for printing manuals, &c.; $4 45 to M. P. Moran for plumbing work done at wharffinger's office, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the Collector be requested and he is hereby authorized to receive the sum $296 10 in full payment for assessment for sewer in York, Montgomery and Barrow streets, confirmed March 23, 1874, on lot 26, block 307, under an act entitled "A further act in relation to assessments in cities," approved March 7, 1877.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be credited on county tax of 1876 and 1877.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That Walter Kissam be appointed clerk to the Comptroller for the months of July and August at a salary at the rate of $60 per month, term to commence July 7, 1879.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the warrants for salaries for the months of May and June, 1879.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the offices connected with and under the control of this Board, be closed during Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th, 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 10, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was, on motion, dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from Jane Merseles to have correct an error in water bills. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Official bond of James McGee, as Constable, with Benjamin F. Champney and C. T. Lange as sureties in the sum of $1,000. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Hugh F. McDermott requesting speedy payment of the sum of $8,750 claimed by him to be due from the city for publishing the official proceedings of the different Boards of the city government in the Jersey City Herald from June, 1874, to April, 1877, at the rate of $250 per month.

The communication was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus for $209 60 for assessors' books and printing. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the balance in the city depositories to the credit of the city to be $131,320 44.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the Treasury from July 3 to 9, inclusive, to be $42,292 70.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Requisition from the City Comptroller for stationery. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Resolution from the Board of Commissioners of Appeals in case of taxation and equalization of taxes for Hudson county requesting an opinion from the Corporation Counsel as to whether the property of corporations from which rental is obtained and not in use for their legitimate business, is subject to city and county tax. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.
2. Ordering paid certain claims for printing and posting notices.

The Board of Public Works notified this Board that the probable gross amount of money required by said Board for the three months ensuing would be $75,000. Received and referred to Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The Board of Public Works notified this Board that the appropriations required for expenses for the next fiscal year would be as follows:

For Cleaning and Repairing Streets and Sewers	$30,000
Reconstruction on Streets and Sewers	75,000
Salaries	6,500
Public Building and Grounds	6 000
Printing and Stationery	1,500
Engineering Bureau	16,000

A supplementary communication notified this Board that there would be needed—

For No. 5 Engine House on Sixth street, between Jersey avenue and Coles street	$7,000
Engine House in Greenville	7,000
Plubing, gas-fitting and steam-heating in School House No. 21	3,000

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion the Board took a recess of thirty minutes, during which time the Board had a conference with the Board of Directors of Education in regard to the appropriations required by them for the next fiscal year.

On reassembling those present were President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported, through Mr. Taussig, on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles Chief Engineer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 1st, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation this Board hereby appoints Mr. W. W. Ruggles Chief Engineer of this Board for the ensuing year, at a salary of $2,000 per annum, and that the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to fix the amount of bonds required, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The report was signed by President Beach, Messrs. Taussig and Mullins.

Mr. Smith requested the committee to give the reason of the non-concurrence.

The President having called for the yeas and nays the report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

The Clerk of this Board was directed to notify the members of the various Boards of the city government, except the Board of Directors of Education, that this Board would confer with them in regard to the appropriations required by them for the next fiscal year, on Wednesday, July 16, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 17, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was, on motion of Mr. Taussig, dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Brien McGinness to have refunded $30 31, paid in error on taxes of 1875; petition of Frank C. Hollins, agent for Henry A. Coster, for return of money paid twice in error on water rents; petition of William Tuttle to have corrected an error on taxes of 1875 on property in Greenville; petition of Frank L. Clark, attorney for Thomas J Pope, for the return of the difference between the old and new assessments. All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of John Halliard to have exchanged Ravine Road sewer certificates for a Jersey City bond; petition of Mrs. C. B. Paulmier, requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to authorize the City Collector to receive the taxes on property owned by her with interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum instead of a penalty at the rate of ten per centum, as she was unaware that any such penalty was contemplated until she was informed by the City Collector. Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the New York Evening Post of $3 60 for advertising; claim of the Franklin Engraving and Printing Company of $742 for engraving bond plates and printing bonds. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk, stating that he had received from the Franklin Engraving and Printing Co., of New York, one hundred blank registered water bonds and two hundred blank registered funded debt bonds bound in book form. The communication was received and ordered filed.

The City Treasurer reported the following balances in the City Depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account..		
" " assessment account.		
" " water account... ...	$147,510 02	
" " Sinking Fund 1873,..		
" " Sinking Fund 1876...		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury July 10th to 16th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total		$54,966 25
Assessment " "		852 38
Water " "		9,971 28
Sinking fund, 1873 "		3,251 66
" " 1876 "		1,050 29

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Itemized requisition from the City Collector for stationery. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, July 12th, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I have the petition of John Kelly dated December 6, 1878. The certificate of Henry Traphagen, Esq., dated February 26, 1879. The certificate of John B. Haight, Esq., Collector, &c., dated July 10, 1879, with bill attached for assessment for sewer in Wayne street dated April 3, 1871. Upon these papers and the facts as stated by Mr. Bentley, counsel for John Kelly, I am of opinion that your Board should direct the present Collector to rectify on his books the mistake shown in the above petition and certificates so that the Collector's books will show that block 428, lot No. 4, Wayne street, has not paid its assessment for this improvement, and that John Kelly's lot, block 428, lot No. 5, has paid its assessment of $178 95 May 2, 1871, for said improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C., J. C.

The opinion, together with the petition, was received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, July 15, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of Jas. Cummings, asking to be allowed to pay the taxes on part of a lot omitted from his tax bill without the payment of penalty or interest, is presented to me for my opinion. The excuse made by Mr. Cummings in his petition is that he supposed he had paid on all of lot 2, block 171, for the years in question, but that there was a clerical error made by a clerk in the Collector's office in making out his tax bills. The Collector informs me that there was no error whatever in his office and that the bills in question were made out as they always had been, therefore under the statement of the Collector it seems to me that this is not a case calling for favorable action.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C., J. C.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and petition together with a copy of the opinion was ordered sent to Mr. Cummings.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, July 15, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—In reference to the communication of the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in case of taxation and equalization of taxes for Hudson county referred by your Board to me, I reply:

That the general rule is that real estate owned by railroad corporations "not used for their legitimate business but let out at a yearly rental is liable for taxes in our city and county."

If any corporation claims any exemption from this rule they must show an act of the Legislature or a contract with the State to that effect without an exhaustive examination of all the railroad legislation of the State which would take considerable time. I can here state that I cannot now call to mind any legislation which exempts any such rented railroad property from taxation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C. J. C.

The opinion was received and a copy sent to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of Taxation and equalization of taxes for Hudson county.

The Corporation Counsel returned the official bond of James MaGee, as drawn in legal form, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $100 from the Committee on High School to the Committee on Books, Stationery and Music.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Preamble and resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a further appropriation of $4,000 for the relief of the out-door poor.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen informing this Board that the estimate of expenses required for their various committees for the next fiscal year was as follows:

For relief of out-door poor....	$18,000
For printing, stationery and supplies.. .	3,000
For rent of armories and supplies..... .	3,500
For salaries, City Clerk, Marshal and Overseer of the Poor.....	5,000
For public grounds, improvements and repairs	2,000
For maintaining the present public bath.....	600
For election purposes.....	8,000
For 4th of July.....	3,000
For Decoration Day.....	200
For District Courts:	
For salaries of Judges.....	6,000
For salaries of clerks.....	2,000

For salaries of constables	350
For printing, stationery and supplies	500
For rent of District Court room (Judge Garrick's)	400
Total	$52,550

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Two concurrent resolutions ordering paid certain claims were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board having re-assembled, the members present were:

President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 11th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved. That $402 96 be paid Geo. Pustkutchen for asphalt pavement in armory on Mercer street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 30, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $96 68 be paid to Thomas Kennelly for labor and materials on armory, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 22d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $47 43 be paid to Farrier & Garretson for plumbing work on new school, No. 21, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 22nd, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $27 40 be paid to John H. Besher for putting iron screws on armory, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 1st, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $247 69 be paid to Farrier & Garretson for plumbing work on armory, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 15th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $77 05 be paid to James P. Hall for extra carpenter's work on sub station, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works. May 27th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be and are hereby authorized to repair and paint the roof and skylights of the corporation stables on Wayne street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the aves and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach. Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of C. S. Clarke, Jr..

Resolved, That the sum of $34 45 be paid to C. S. Clarke, Jr., for stationery furnished Corporation Attorney and City Collector.

On claim of the New Jersey Freie Presse:

Resolved, That the sum of $14 be paid to the New Jersey Freie Presse for, advertising assessors' notices to taxpayers.

On claim of Edward Hutchings:

Resolved, That the sum of $20 be paid to Edward Hutchings for letter press and stand furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of The Argus;

Resolved, That the sum of $42 25 be paid to The Argus for printing schedule books and manuals.

On claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company:

Resolved. That the sum of $148 49 be paid to the Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed in City Hall from January 1st to April 1st, 1879.

On claim of the Jersey City Herald:

Resolved, That the sum of $12 be paid to the Jersey City Herald for advertising assessors' notices to taxpayers.

On claim of John Bird & Son:

Resolved, That the sum of of $71 65 be paid to John Bird & Son for carpenter work in City Collector's office.

On claim of the Jordan Stationary Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $44 30 be paid to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery furnished City Collector and City Comptroller.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $101 be paid to The Argus for binding 30 copies of manuals and warrant books.

On claim of the Evening Journal Association:

Resolved, That the sum of $50 40 be paid to the Evening Journal Association for advertising Assessors notices to taxpayers.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $57 90 be paid to The Argus for official printing and printing manuals.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $74 25 be paid to The Argus for official printing and printing tax bills.

On claim of B. F. Corduan:

Resolved, That the sum of $2 50 be paid to B. F Corduan for repairing locks in Treasurer's office,

On claim of H. A. Greene:

Resolved, That the sum of $15 be paid to H. A. Greene for postage stamps furnished City Treasurer and office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of the Jordan Stationery Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $82 10 be paid to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery furnished City Treasurer and Assessors.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Clerk of this Board was directed to notify the citizens committee consisting of Messrs. Hardenbergh, Bentley and Ege, also Corporation Counsel and Corporation Attorney to meet the Board of Finance and Taxation on Wednesday, July 23, 1879, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 24, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from James B. Vredenburgh, George H. Farrier and D. A. Peloubet, committee on celebration of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Paulus Hook, inviting this Board to join in parade on the nineteenth day of August next. The communication was received, ordered filed, and the invitation accepted.

Petition of Frank Stevens for the return of $16 paid in error on water rents. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from C. M. Howes, Wm. H. King and others, protesting against the confirmation by this Board of the appointment of Philip Martin as tapper of water mains in this city. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Allen L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, of $43 25 for disbursements; claim of Collins & Corbin of $56 20 taxed costs in case of James H. Love vs. The City; claim of Mary F. Seymour of $3 20 for taking short hand minutes in case of Patrick McGovern vs. The City; claim of Isaac Romaine of $16 80 for taking testimony in various suits against the city. All referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of the Argus of $15 50 for official printing. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the Mayor for 500 two cent postage stamps and 300 three cent postage stamps. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Treasurer reported a balance of $151,161 40 in the city depositories at close of business July 24, 1879.

The City Comptroller reported $10,771 67 as the total amount of receipts of the city treasury July 17 to 23 inclusive.

The City Collector reported that he had received July 15, 1879, for collection the following assessment map: Main sewer in Wayne street, from 100 feet west of Putnam to Henderson street, $40,654 95.

The City Collector reported that he had received July 17, 1879, for collection in his office the following assessment maps: Sewer Central avenue, from Manhattan avenue to Franklin street, $1,030 38; sewer Beacon avenue, from Summit to Central avenue, $3,305 68; sewer Palisade avenue and Franklin street, $5,030.

All the above reports were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Appointment of Philip Martin as tapper at a salary of $800.

2. Appointment of William Clarkson as sewer inspector at a salary of $1,000.

3. Fixing compensation of the Chief Engineer at $2,000.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

5. Authorizing the Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for 165 lengths of 36-inch cast iron pipe and necessary special castings for reservoir No. 3.

Concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles, Chief Engineer and requesting this Board to fix the amount of bonds required.

That part of the resolution relating to the appointment was referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

That part relating to fixing the amount of bonds required was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the bond of James McGee, as constable, recommending that the same be approved, filed and copied in the bond book.

The President having called for the yeas and nays the report was received and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

The same committee reported on petition of Mrs C. B. Paulmier, that the request of the petioner for permission to pay an accumulation of arrearages of taxes at a less rate of interest than that at present charged, if granted would only be to establish a bad precedent which all taxpayers in arrears would have the right to take advantage of, and which this Board would be in duty bound to allow if requested so to do. The committee reported further that they could find no law which would enable the Board to grant the request, and viewing the matter simply on the merits of the prayer of the petitioner the committee recommend that the petition be not granted.

On motion the report was received and the recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of Nancy Harris, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the payment of $31 92 to the City Treasurer, the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cancel the sale of lot 77, block 736 for taxes of 1871 sold September 26, 1873.

The same committee reported on the petition of Augusta Waugh recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon the filing of a bond with the City Clerk in the sum of one hundred dollars to be approved by the Corporation Counsel a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Augusta Waugh for the sum of $47 34, being amount deposited with the City Treasurer for the redemption of lots 3 and 4, block 159, sold for taxes of 1867.

The same committee reported on the petition of Frank Tawing recommending the adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Eliza Tattersall for the sum of $9 75, being amount of water taxes for 1879, paid June 20, on lots 15 and 16, block 389, No. 360 Fifth street, the same having been paid May 20, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on the petition of J. J. & W. V. Toffey for the return of $35 60, amount of personal tax assessed on unoccupied premises, adverse to refunding the money. The petitioners should have applied to the Board of Commissioners of Appeals in Cases of Taxation.

The same committee reported on the petition of D. G. Elliott, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of D. G. Elliott for the sum of $29 25, being water taxes for 1878, paid in error June 29, 1878, on lots 42, 44, 46 and 48, block 170, Gregory street, the same having been paid June 29, 1878, and that the Water Registrar be notified,

The same committee reported on the petition of Frederick Wolf, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Fred'k Wolf for the sum of $31 50 being amount of water rents paid June 26, 1878, for years 1877-78, on lot 20, block 356, No. 473 Monmouth street, the same having been also paid February 19, 1879, and that the Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of William Glass recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Glass for the

sum of $9 10, being amount of assessment paid June 17, 1872, on lot 36, (Assessor's No. 891), block 576, for widening Hoboken avenue, from Palisade avenue to Hoboken city line, confirmed April 19, 1872, the same having also been paid August 31, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of Henry A. Coster, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry A. Coster for the sum of $2 60, being water taxes paid June 21, 1879, for year 1878, on lot 32, block 391, Eighth street, the same having been previously paid, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of Frank C. Hollins for the return of money paid for taxes on personal property; that the Board has no right or authority to act in the premises. The Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation alone having the power to cancel the personal and the poll tax complained of, the committee reported adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner

The same committee reported on the petition of John Kelly, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized and requested to transfer the sum of $178 95 paid May 2, 1871, on lot 4, block 428, for sewer in Wayne street from 100 feet west of Putnam street to Merseles street, confirmed March 20, 1871, to lot 5, block 428, same improvement, and to make the correction on his books to show that lot No. 4 Wayne street has not paid its assessment for this improvement, and that lot No. 5, block 428, in the name of John Kelly, has paid its assessment of $178 95 May 2, 1871, for said improvement.

The same committee reported on petition of William Stevens for Lafayete M. E. Church, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. Stevens, Treasurer of the Lafayette M. E. Church for the sum of $12 60, being amount paid in excess for assessment for "improvement of Pine street, Communipaw avenue to Johnson avenue," on lot 17, block 476, and the Collector to be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of A. H. Carrick, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Abraham H. Carrick for $14 16, being amount of taxes for 1878, paid on parts of lots 3 and 4, block 308, No. 131 Wayne street, in excess of the amount due and confirmed by the Commissioners of Appeal, and that the Collector be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of Brien McGuiness, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Brien McGuinness for the sum of $30 31, being amount of taxes for 1875, paid July 14, 1879, on lot 3, block 428, No. 326 Wayne street, the same having been previously paid, and that the Collector be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of John Rowe, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Rowe for the sum of $210, being amount of taxes paid July 1, 1879, for the year 1875, on "plot 50 feet front on the New York Bay, 200 feet deep to Morris and Essex Canal," and on "plot 135 feet front on the southeast side of old Bergen Point plank road by 417 feet deep, distant 600 feet southwest from Linden avenue," the same having been previously paid, and that the Collector be notified.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 3d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $4 20 be paid to Patrick Dyron for blocks; $37 16 to John Conlin for feed for Belleville; $288 to John McLean for hydrants and gates; $7 27 to McNab & Harlin for valves and repairing; $31 61 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $24 to the Argus for posters; $5 to the Freie Presse for advertising water rent notices, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 18, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon petition in writing of William Currie and others, presented to this Board on the 18th day of March, 1879, for the opening and changing as to boundaries of a street to be called Ocean avenue, between the northerly line of the property of S. B. Vreeland and Avenue C, as shown on a map accompanying the petition, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board which hereby declares that it favors said petition, and the same is hereby referred to the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer, being a discreet surveyor not interested in said improvement, to be proceeded with according to law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 24, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $18 50 be paid to the J. C. Herald for advertising notice for changing of boundary of Pacific avenue, from Washington avenue to the former boundary line between Greenville and Jersey City; $1 50 to the J. C. Herald for advertising notice of meeting of Commissioners of Assessments for the improvement of Ocean avenue to Myrtle avenue; $5 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice of re-assessment for a sewer in Wayne street from Putnam to Henderson street," be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 24th, 1879, to wit:

"Resolved, That $5 20 be paid The Argus for advertising notice of meeting of Commissioners of Assessment for improvement of Ocean avenue from Myrtle avenue to Atlantic avenue; $4 to The Argus for printing manuals; $20 to The Argus for advertising notice of assessment for sewer in Beacon avenue, from about 100 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue, and 50 posters for the same; $20 to The Argus for advertising notice of assessessment for sewer in Central avenue from Manhattan avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in Franklin street and 50 posters for the same: $20 to The Argus for advertising notice of reassessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Franklin street from about 250 feet north of Franklin street in Palisade avenue to New York avenue and 50 posters for the same," be and is hereby concurred in by the Boardof Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 24, 1879, to wit:

"Resolved, That $5 be paid to the N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice of assessment for sewer in Beacon avenue from 100 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue; $5 to the N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice of assessment for sewer in Central avenue from Manhattan avenue to Franklin street; $5 to the N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice for reassessment of sewer in Palisade avenue and Franklin street from 250 feet north of Franklin street in Palisade avenue to New York avenue; $1 80 to the N. J Freie Presse for advertising notice of meeting of Commissioners of Assessment for the improvement of Ocean avenue from Myrtle to Atlantic avenue," be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 24, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $17 75 be paid to Patrick Ryan for blacksmith work; $2 40 to Ahlmeyer Bros. for sharpening picks; $65 75 to John A. Vill for repairing harness, &c; $1 80 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice to coal dealers; $12 to John Headden, Jr., for wood; $20 to W. P. Morris for

repairs to telegraph line to Belleville for month of April, 1879; $58 80 to A. D. Telegraph Co. for distributing water rent bills for 1879; $6 to Richard Walsh for plumbing work; $81 to Patrick Mulligan for horse troughs; $26 91 to L. Collet for blacksmith work; $5 40 to Andrew McAra for charcoal; $122 27 to R. D. Wood & Co. for eddy valves; $98 09 to R. D Wood & Co. for iron pipe; $59 15 to Steele & Condict for machinery supplies; $95 to Thomas Sheridan for carting iron pipe; $6 75 to Thomas Kennelly for boxes for Registrar; $11 65 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for wharfinger; $3 25 to McAvoy Bros. for manilla paper; $27 82 to Charles C. Chamberlain for paper boxes; $23 35 and $43 50 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for engineering department, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 1st, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $23 50 be paid to the Evening Journal Association for advertising notices of reassessment for sewer in Wayne street, between Putnam street and Henderson street; $72 50 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising notices for change of boundary of Pacific avenue, between Washington avenue and former boundary line between Jersey City and Greenville; $5 20 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notice of meeting of Commissioners of Assessment for improvement of Ocean avenue, between Atlantic and Myrtle avenues; $17 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notices for sewer in Beacon avenue, from Summit avenue to Central avenue; $17 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notice for sewer in Central avenue, between Manhattan avenue and Franklin street; $20 to the Evening Jovrnal Association for advertising notice for sewer in Franklin street and Palisade avenue, from 250 feet north of Franklin street in Palisade avenue to New York avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 10, 1879, to wit:

"Resolved, That $26 39 be paid to Claus Prigge for feed; $27 50 to Wm. E. Ewald & Bro., for time books; $37 38 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $3 70 to D. C. Farley for sundries for Engineering Bureau; $20 04 to D. C. Farley for screws, pipe, &c.; $2 40 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice to coal dealers; $15 60 to The Argus for advertising notice to coal dealers; $43 79 to C. A. Woolsey for waste, white lead, &c.; $24 32 to D. C. Farley, lawn mower, &c.; $32 41 to Wm. B. McDonald for carpenter work; $57 50 to M. P. Moran for plumbing work on horse troughs; $23 40 to D. O. Donovan for plumbing work on hydrants; $75 to Evening Journal Association for advertising water rent notices; $5 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising reassessment map for sewer in Wayne street from Putnam to Henderson street; $20 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising opening of Pacific avenue from Washington avenue to the former boundary line between Greenville and Jersey City; $97 50 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising opening and widening Washington avenue between north line of Currie estate and Grand street; $26 50 to The Argus for advertising reassessment main sewer in Wayne street from 100 feet west of Putnam to Henderson street, and posters; $90 to The Argus for advertising opening and widening of Pacific avenue from Washington avenue to the former boundary line between Greenville and Jersey City, and posters; $10 to The Argus for printing manuals," be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 22d, 1879, to wit:

"Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering 165 lengths of 36-inch cast iron water pipe and necessary special castings for Reservoir No. 3," be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above reports and resolutions, the reports were received and the various recommendations and all the resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the assessment map entitled "Assessment map of old Bergen Road, Greenville," and the report of the Commissioners of Assessment accompanying the same, approved by the Commissioners of Assessment Sept. 3d, 1872, and all the proceedings in relation to the assessment therein made and also the assessment for said improvement, to wit: For grading, flagging, curbing, guttering, bridging and draining the old Bergen road from Waverly avenue to Thompson avenue, be vacated and set aside and a reassessment made as if such assessment so vacated had never been made.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for August, 1879:

On general account.....	$15,630
On water "	1,500

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 31, 1879, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Wm. H. Boyd of $9 for three Jersey City Directories; B. F. Corduan of $2 25 for repairs to locks. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the receipts of the City Treasury July 24th to 30th, 1879, to be $14,295 66. Received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works ordering paid claims of July 29, 1879. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the claim of Randolph & Talcott, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-nine dollars and one cent ($59 01) be paid to Randolph & Talcott for taxed costs in the case of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City vs. the Morris Canal and Banking Co.

On claim of Isaac Romaine, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen dollars and eighty cents ($16 80) be paid to Isaac Romaine for taking testimony as Supreme Court Commissioner in cases for and against the city.

On claim of Mary F. Seymour, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three dollars and twenty cents ($3 20) be paid to Mary F. Seymour for taking short-hand minutes in case of Patrick McGovern vs. Jersey City.

On claim of Collins & Corbin, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty-six dollars and twenty cents ($56 20) be paid to Collins & Corbin for taxed costs in the case of James H. Love vs. Jersey City.

On claim of A. L. McDermott, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of forty-three dollars and twenty-five cents ($43 25) be paid to Allan L. McDermott for disbursements as Corporation Attorney, May 30 to July 12, 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions presented a minority report signed by President Beach and Mr. Taussig on the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles Chief Engineer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 22, 1879, to wit:

"Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Mr. W. W. Ruggles be and is hereby appointed Chief Engineer for the ensuing year; and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds required," be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach and Mr. Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of The Argus recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and nine dollars and sixty cents ($209 60) be paid to The Argus for Assessors books and printing.

On claim of The N. Y. Evening Post recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of ($3 60) three dollars and sixty cents be paid to the N. Y. Evening Post for advertising June 27, 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of July, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of July, 1879, when due, viz: Henry J. Hopper, Mayor, $88 33; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, City Comptroller, $200; Jas. H. Love, City Collector, $200; Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, $333 33; A. L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, $125; Clerks to Comptroller—Wm. Stevens, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., $91 66; John T. Van Cleaf, Clerk Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D Whyte, Assistant Collector, $100; Clerks to Collector—S. D. Dickinson, $60; James T. Grady, $60; Seneca Barker, $60; John T. M. Kayler; $60; L. E. Smith, $60; J. E. Connelly, $60; Charles Krebs, $60; John Kennedy, $60; Walter Kissam, Clerk to Comptroller, $50 (25 days); Wm. H. Powell, Marshal First District Court, $50; Clerks to City Clerk—T. K. Halstead, $60; N. E. Feury, $60; A. L. Sears, $60; Assessors—First district, M. Kilcauley, $108 33; 2d district, Dennis McLaughlin, $108 33; 3d district, Hugh Dugan, $108 33, 4th district, Martin Logan, $108 33; 5th district, John M. Park, $108 33; 6th district, J. C. Clarke, $108 33; Printing Minutes—The Evening Journal, $208 33; The Argus, $208 33; Cleaning Rooms—Ann Norton, $25; Bridget Parker, $25.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion of Mr Taussig the Board took a recess of five minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

By Mr. Smith and carried:

Moved, That we do now go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of appropriations necessary for the various departments of the city government for the next fiscal year.

After duly considering the estimates of appropriations received from the various departments, showing how much would be needed by them for the conduct of their business for the next fiscal year, the committee arose and made the following report to the Board:

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the estimates and recommendations from all the Boards of Jersey City, including the appropriation from this Board, most respectfully report and recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present current year for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1879, and ending November 30, 1880, be fixed at one million three hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars as the appropriation and limit of expenditure for the purposes of the respective Boards (except where by law it may be otherwise provided). The above amount, including the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes, your Committee recommend distributed among the several Boards in the following way and manner as the limit of expenditure of said Boards for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, viz:

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Public Works, as follows:

Streets and sewers each month	$3,333 33
Reconstruction of streets and sewers each month	1,666 66
Public Grounds and Buildings each month	416 66
Salaries each month	466 66
Printing and Stationery each month	125 00
Engineering Bureau each month	1,000 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the sum in gross of $2,000 for the ensuing fiscal year for plumbing of school house No 21, making the total amount for said Board of Public Works during said ensuing year eighty-six thousand and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-two cents.

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Aldermen as follows:

Out-door poor each month	$1,083 33
Printing, stationery and supplies each month	250 00
Rent of armories and supplies each month	291 66
Salaries—City Clerk, Marshal and Overseer of the Poor each month	375 00
Improvements and repairs to public grounds and buildings each month	166 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross, viz:

For public bath	$600 00
For celebration of Fourth of July	1,000 00
For observance of Decration Day	200 00
For elections	7,000 00
For District Courts	9,250 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Aldermen during the said ensuing fiscal year, forty-four thousand and forty-nine dollars and eighty cents.

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended by the Board of Police Commissioners as follows:

For salaries, station houses and prisons, fuel, repairs and stationery, each month	$10,416 66
For lamps and lights, each month	6,916 66
For hospitals and dispensaries, each month	1,250 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the sum in gross of $5,250 for police justices, making the total amount for said Board of Police Commissioners during said ensuing fiscal year two hundred and twenty-eight thousand two hundred and forty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents.

Appropriation as fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

For salaries each month	$5,416 66
For claims each month	1 666 66

Making the total amount for said Board of Fire Commissioners during said fiscal year eighty-four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty-four cents.

Appropriation as fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Directors of Education as follows:

For salaries for President of the Board and Teachers each month	$12,166 66
For Janitor salaries each month	833 33
For Superintendent and Clerk each month	250 00
For Books, Stationery and Music, each month	500 00
For Furniture, Stoves, Heaters, Ventilating and Repairs each month	541 66
For Rentals each month	208 33
For printing and blanks each month	83 33
For janitors' supplies each month	83 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross for the ensuing fiscal year, viz,:

For fuel	$6,000
For free library	1,000
For census	1,000

Making the total amount for said Board of Education during the said ensuing fiscal year one hundred and eighty-three thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents.

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as follows:

For salaries each month	$3,666 66
For claims, legal expenses and judgments each month	916 67
For printing, stationery and supplies each month	416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross for the ensuing fiscal year:

For teachers for deficiencies of salaries under act of Legislature	$5,796 26
For interest	800,000 00
For out-door poor under act of March 14, 1879	4,000 00
For contingent fund	20,000 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Finance and Taxation during the said fiscal year, eight hundred and eighty-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars and fourteen cents.

Recapitulation of the aggregate of yearly expenditures:

Board of Directors of Education	$183,999 68
Board of Public Works	86,099 72
Board of Aldermen	44,049 80
Board of Police Commissioners	228,249 84
Board of Fire Commissioners	84,999 84
Board of Finance and Taxation	889,796 14
Total	$1,517,195 02
Less amount to be received from the State for schools	145,195 02
Total required	$1,372,000 00

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that these appropriations as compared with those of the preceding fiscal year, show a reduction in expenditures of the various departments of the city government exclusive of the interest on the public debt of one hundred and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and nine dollars and twenty-eight cents, which, together with the reductions of salaries in the Water Department will make the reductions in the ensuing fiscal year as compared with those of the preceding year an aggregate of about two hundred thousand dollars.

I. W. TAUSSIG,
S. H. SMITH,
MARCUS BEACH,
Committee.

And your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as to the appropriation to the several Boards and the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the current year for the purposes of the several Boards of the city government for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1879, and ending November 30, 1880, be and the same are hereby received and adopted and in conformity therewith the Board of Finance and Taxation having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards does hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present current year for the purposes of the said Boards for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1879, and ending November 30, 1880, both days included, at the sum of one million three hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars ($1,372,000 00) and that said sum, together with the amount to be paid by the State to Jersey City for schools, is hereby distributed among the several Boards in the amounts as recommended by the committee and the amounts thus fixed shall be the appropriations and limit of expenditures for the said purposes during said fiscal year except where by law otherwise provided as follows, to wit:

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Public Works, as follows:

Streets and sewers each month	$3,333 33
Reconstruction of streets and sewers each month	1,666 66

Public grounds and buildings each month... 416 66
Salaries each month... 466 66
Printing and stationery each month.. 125 00
Engineering Bureau each month 1,000 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the sum in gross of $2,000 for the ensuing fiscal year for plumbing work of school house No. 21, making the total amount for said Board of Public Works during said ensuing year eighty-six thousand and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-two cents. ($86,099 72).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Out door poor each month..... $1,083 33
Printing, stationery and supplies each month... 250 00
Rent of armories and supplies each month... 291 66
Salaries City Clerk, Marshall and Overseer of the Poor each month.... 375 00
Improvements, repairs to public grounds and buildings each month.. 166 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross, viz.:

For Public bath... $600 00
For celebration of the Fourth of July 1,000 00
For observance of Decoration Day.... 200 00
For elections... 7,000 00
For District Courts... 9,250 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Aldermen during the said ensuing fiscal year forty-four thousand and forty-nine dollars and eighty cents, ($44 049 80).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Police Commissioners as follows:

For salaries, station houses and prisons, fuel, repairs and stationery each month $10,416 66
For lamps and lights each month..... 6.916 66
For hospitals and dispensaries each month... 1,250 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriation the sum in gross of $5,250 for Police Justices, making the total amount for said Board of Police Commissioners during said ensuing fiscal year two hundred and twenty-eight thousand two hundred and forty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents.

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditures for each month separately, of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

For salaries each month..... $5.416 66
For claims each month... 1,666 66

Making the total amount for said Board of Fire Commissioners during said ensuing fiscal year eighty-four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty-four cents ($84,999 84).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Directors of Education as follows:

For salaries for President of the Board and teachers each month.... $12,166 66
For janitors each month.. 833 33
For superintendent and clerk each month 250 00
For books, stationery and music each month.. 500 00
For furniture, stoves, heaters, ventilating and repairs each month.. . 541 66
For rentals each month..... $208 33
For printing and blanks each month.... 83 33
For janitors' supplies each month 83 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross for the ensuing fiscal year, viz:

For fuel..... $6,000 00
For free library... 1,000 00
For census 1,000 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Education during the said ensuing fiscal year one hundred and eighty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents ($183,999 68.)

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as follows:

For salaries each month..... $3,666 66
For claims, legal expenses and judgments each month..... 916 67
For printing, stationery and Supplies each month... 416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross for the ensuing fiscal year:

For teachers for deficiencies of salaries under act of the Legislature.... $5,796 26
For interest... 800,000 00
For out-door poor under act of March 14th, 1879... 4,000 00
For contingent fund.... 20,000 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Finance and Taxation during the said ensuing fiscal year eight hundred and eighty-nine thousand seven hundred and ninety-six dollars and fourteen cents ($889,796.14.)

The President having called for the yeas and nays the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the city is fully and amply supplied with water troughs, and this Board will not concur in the payment of any more after those now ordered paid by the Board of Public Works.

Resolved, That a copy of this be sent to the Board of Public Works.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, August 14 at 8 o'clock p. m.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, August 14th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of Benj. Edge asking that the Board direct the City Collector to refrain from offering for sale certain lots owned by him for unpaid taxes of 1872, 1873 and 1874 claiming that at the time the assessment for taxes of said years was made the title to said lots was in the State of New Jersey and consequently was not liable to taxation. The petition was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petitions were received from E. S. Wells, Alexander Bonnell and Marshal F. Shaw, all for the return of difference between the old and new assessment. Petition of John Michael asking for a rebate on lots 14 and 15, block 577, assessed "for sewer in Beacon avenue" as having a depth of 164 feet, while according to the deed of said property the exact depth is 112 feet. Petition of J. J. Bouton to have an error corrected on taxes of 1874. All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of George A. Vroom to have exchanged two Jersey City coupon soldiers bounty fund bonds of $1,000 each for registered bonds same denomination. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance with power.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Leon Abbett of $135 17 for disbursements from March 17 to August 8, 1879. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of John W. Harrison of $24 80 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury August 1st to 13th, both days included:

General Tax account, total	$7,775 29
Assessment account total	1 871 17
Water account total	8,275 97
Sinking Fund, 1873 total	2,589 19
Sinking Fund, 1876 total	2,527 60

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business this day:

General tax account, total	$107,880 82
Assessment " "	
Water " "	
Sinking fund, 1873 "	
" " 1876 "	

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Order from the Hudson County Circuit Court in the case of John Seitz vs. John Reilly restraining the Mayor and Aldermen from paying any money due to said John Reilly on his contract for sewer in Palisade avenue. Received and referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Preamble and resolution from the Board of Public Works:

Jersey City, Aug. 14, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The following is a copy of a preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works at its meeting held August 5th, 1879.

Very respectfully,
J. FITCH MALLORY, Clerk.

Whereas, The duties devolving upon the Board of Public Works demand the services of a Chief Engineer, and

Whereas, The interest of the city is suffering, contractors are threatening to relinquish their contracts and sue the city for damages for the non-fulfilment of the same; and

Whereas, This Board has elected W. W. Ruggles, a competent person, for Chief Engineer and referred the same to the Board of Finance and Taxation for their concurrence; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to give some good and sufficient reason for the non-concurrence in the above appointment, and

Resolved, That the responsibility for all damages arising from the action of the Board of Finance and Taxation in withholding from this department the services of a Chief Engineer, the Board of Public Works ask to be relieved from, and the responsibility or blame placed where it properly belongs.

The preamble and resolutions was received laid on the table.

Preamble and resolution from the Board of Public Works.

Jersey City, Aug. 14, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen:—The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, at its meeting held August 5th, 1879.

Very respectfully,
J. FITCH MALLORY, Clerk.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby notified not to issue any more water bonds unless requested so to do by this Board, or to appropriate any of the moneys of the water department whatever outside of the water department expenses.

The resolution was received and laid on the table.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works:

Jersey City, Aug. 9th, 1879.

Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Gentlemen:—The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 5th, 1879, and approved by his Honor the Mayor August 6th, 1879.

Very respectfully,
J. FITCH MALLORY, Clerk.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to inform this Board the amount received from sale of the $50,000 water bonds (last issue) and the purchaser of the same.

The resolution was received and laid on the table.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of rents to the account of the Committee on Heating and Ventilating of the Board of Directors of Education, for the purpose of enabling said Board to purchase coal during the present fiscal year.

The same Committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a further appropriation for the out-door poor, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $2,000 be and is hereby appropriated as a further appropriation for the relief of the out-door poor, under an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the poor," approved March 14th, 1879, and that a bond be and is hereby ordered drawn for said amount, to be signed by the Mayor, sealed and attested by the City Clerk, and the said amount of $2,000 be borrowed and raised on said bond, the said sum of money being provided for in the tax levy for the next fiscal year; provided, however, that all claims intended to be paid out of said sum shall first be presented to this Board for examination and approval.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 27th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering 1,600 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 27th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Railroads, Wharves and Bridges be and are hereby authorized to have 10 spring piles driven at the end of Morgan street dock for the protection of the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 22d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $51 10 be paid to John Killen for blacksmith work, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, the charge of $2 50 per sett for shoeing horses is at least 50 cents too high.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 17th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $17 75 be paid to T. E. Young for spruce timber; $12 to Holmes & Killen for horse shoeing; $66 12 to Haines & Hallock for sundry hardware; $25 47 to James Hetherington for feed; $17 91 to John Dickson for feed; $50 to F. H. Spengeman for rent of stable to June 1st, 1879; $10 to Thomas H. Clynes for services as expert in examining buildings to be moved for the opening and widening of Washington avenue, from the north line of the estate of James Currie to Grand street, to be charged to the improvement; $175 to James Wilson for one horse; $16 74 to F. A. Smith for oil; $11 25 to John Kuhrt for carpenter work at high service; $25 to Perkins Patent Shutter Co. for grating doors; $20 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph lines; $12 to J. W. Wakefield for posting water rent notices; $55 50 to McAvoy Bros. for stationery, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amonnts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for September, 1879: On general account, $5,719; on assessment account, $1,592 50; on water account, $17,500.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, August 28, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion the board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, August 28, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of James Rouan for return of difference between old and new assessment. Petition of Frank C. Hollins, agent, enclosing petitions of E. F. Morris, Richard Buckley, Edwin Hardcastle and Harold Henwood, all for return of difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Jersey avenue from 9th to 15th streets. Petition of Alexander Bonnell for return of difference between old and new assessments. Petition of Ann B. D. Rudderow for return of differences between old and new assessment. Petition of John H. Newton, agent, for return of money paid twice in error on taxes of 1872. Petition of Henry Scharf to have the Collector cancel a duplicate assessment for the year 1871. Petition of Thomas Harrington to have an error corrected on his tax bill for the year 1872. Petition of Fardy O'Grady to have a duplicate assessment cancelled. All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $1,500 for publishing the sale of property for taxes; claim of The Argus of $2,050 for publishing the sale of property for taxes claim of the New Jersey Freie Presse of $1,500 for publishing the sale of property for taxes; claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $50 75 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation; claim of the Argus of $16 for printing eight pages of manuals; claim of Wm. H. Boyd of $3 00 for one Jersey City Directory furnished the City Collector; claim of the Franklyn Engraving and Printing Company of $—— for engraving and printing bonds. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions for stationery were received from the City Clerk, Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation and Corporation Attorney, all of which were received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication the City Clerk stating that he had received from the Franklyn Bank Note Company six hundred coupon 6 per cent. funded debt bonds and fifty 6 per cent. water bonds which closes the order given. The communication was received and placed on file.

Communication from the City Comptroller requesting this Board to notify the different Boards of the city government to close all outstanding accounts for the fiscal year of 1877 78 on or before September 25, 1879,

The communication was received, placed on file, and the clerk directed to notify the different Boards of the City Government to close all outstanding accounts on or before that date.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account		
" Assessment "		
" Water "	}	$117,712 99
Sinking fund, 1873 "		
" " 1876 "		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury August 14th to 25th, 1879, both days included:

General Tax account, total.....	$14,114 18
Assessment account total	2 083 98
Water account total.....	17,953 68
Sinking Fund, 1873 total.....	5,520 67
Sinking Fund, 1876 total.....	15,171 42

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education, requesting the transfer of $264 from the account of rents to the account of furniture and repairs for the purpose of making necessary repairs. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance,

Resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding a resolution presented to this Board, February 20, 1879, authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for furnishing a pumping engine with boiler and steam connections, &c., having a capacity of 2¼ to 3 million gallons per day for the purpose of a High Service supply of Passaic water.

The resolution was received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for furnishing a pumping engine with boiler, steam connections, &c., having a capacity of 2¼ to 3 million gallons per day for the purpose of a High Service supply of Passaic water at a cost not to exceed $20,000.

2. Awarding contract to R. D. Wood & Co, for 165 lengths of 36-inch cast iron water pipe and two 28-inch and one 24-inch Eddy valves.

3. Appointing W. W. Ruggles, Chief Engineer, and requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required.

4. Awarding damages to property owners along the line of Washington avenue for the opening and widening of the same.

5. Ordering paid certain claims of August 19, 1879.

6. Ordering paid certain claims of August 26, 1879.

On motion the Board took a recess of twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled with Mr. Drohan in the chair,

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petition of George A. Vroom for exchange of coupon for registered bonds recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor, City Clerk and Comptroller be requested to issue two registered bonds, one in name of Mrs. Kate B. Vroom, the other in the name of Miss Elizabeth R. Vroom, each for one thousand dollars in the place and stead of coupon bonds Nos. 507 and 508, for $1,000 each, issued under the act approved February 19th, 1864, payable November 1st, 1889, with interest at seven per cent per annum, said registered bonds to be dated of present date, and to bear the same rate of interest and payable at the same time as coupon bonds, and to be delivered on the surrender of said coupon bonds.

The same Committee reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $264 from the account of rents (being the unexpended balance) to the account of the Committee on Furniture and Repairs of the Board of Directors of Education, for the purpose of making necessary repairs.

The same committee reported on claim of Leon Abbett for disbursements, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $185 17 be paid to Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, for legal expenses and disbursements from March 17 to August 8, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 26, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence

of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing and delivering 165 lengths of 36-inch cast iron water pipe and special castings and 2 26-inch and 1 24-inch Eddy valve, be and is hereby awarded to R. D. Wood & Co. at the prices named in their proposal, viz, twenty-six and 45-100 dollars ($26 45) per ton of 2,240 lbs of cast iron water pipes and special castings; two hundred and forty dollars for each 24 inch and three hundred and twenty-five dollars for each 26-inch Eddy valve, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of August, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of August, 1879, when due, viz: Henry J. Hopper, Mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; Samuel C Nelson, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, $333 33; Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, $125; William Stevens, Clerk to Comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $100; Clerks to Collector, S. D. Dickinson $60; James T. Grady, $60; Seneca Barker, $60; John F. M. Kaylor, $60; Louis E. Smith, $60; Charles Krebs, $60; John Kennedy, $60; James E Connolly, $60; Walter Kissam, Clerk to Comptroller, $60; Wm. H. Powell, Marshal, 1st District Court, $50; Thos. K Halstead, Clerk to City Clerk, $60; N. E. Feury, Clerk to City Clerk, $50; A. L. Sears, Clerk to City Clerk and Mayor, $60; Michael Kilcauley, Assessor, 1st district, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, Assessor, 2d district, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, Assessor, 3d district, $108 33; Martin Logan, Assessor, 4th district, $108 33; John M. Park, Assessor, 5th district, $108 33; James C. Clarke, Assessor, 6th district, $108 33; The Argus, printing minutes $208 33; the Evening Journal, printing minutes, $208 33; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms, $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms, $25.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, on claims of The Argus, the Jersey City Herald and the New Jersey Freie Presse:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the publication of the tax sale of lands for arrears of taxes for the years 1872, 1873 and 1874, and past due taxes of Greenville, as per contract, as follows, in favor of The Argus for $2,000 and $500, the warrant for $2,000 to be delivered to the City Collector on account of taxes due to "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City" in accordance with the contract entered into between "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City" and M. Mullone, Esq., publisher of The Argus, in favor of the Jersey City Herald for $1,500, in favor of the New Jersey Freie Presse for $1,500, these amounts to be paid under the direction of the Corporation Attorney.

On claim of the Jordan Stationery Co:

Resolved, That the sum of $50 75 be paid to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery furnished the office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $16 be paid to The Argus for printing manuals, 8 pages.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $15 50 be paid to The Argus for official printing.

On claim of B. F. Corduan:

Resolved, That the sum of $2 25 be paid to B. F. Corduan for repairing locks in City Hall.

On claim of Wm. H Boyd:

Resolved, That the sum of $9 be paid to Wm. H. Boyd for three Jersey City Directories.

On claim of John W. Harrison:

Resolved, That the sum of $24 80 be paid to John W. Harrison for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of Wm. H. Boyd:

Resolved, That the sum of $3 be paid to Wm. H. Boyd for one Jersey City Directory furnished the City Collector.

On claim of the Franklyn Engraving and Printing Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $736 be paid to the Franklyn Engraving and Printing Company for engraving and printing bonds.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs, Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and are hereby authorized to borrow from Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the sum of thirty thousand dollars in anticipation of the collection of taxes to be taken from the fund of 1876, and that a bond be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of such Commissioners, payable on demand with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and are hereby authorized to borrow from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars in anticipation of the collection of taxes, to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of such Commissioners, payable on demand with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum:

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of ten thousand dollars on account of county tax of 1877.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars on account of county tax of 1878.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the various claims against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City on account of the differences between assessments for improvements and the reassessments for the same, be referred to the Corporation Counsel and Attorney with power to take such action toward compromising or arranging the same as they may deem proper.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the "proviso" in the resolution adopted August 1st, 1879, appropriating the further sum of two thousand dollars under the act of March 14, 1879, entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the poor," which proviso is as follows, "Provided, however, that all claims intended to be paid out of said sum shall first be presented to this Board for examination and approval." be and is hereby rescinded and made null et void.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be directed to request the members of the Board of Public Works to meet in conference with this Board on Tuesday evening, September 2, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

On motion the board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall, Thursday, August 28th, 1879, at 9:45 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Commissioners Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Commissioner Mullins.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

By Commissioner Taussig:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby loan to the Committee on Finance of the Board of Finance and Taxation the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars to be taken from the fund of 1873, provided that a bond be issued for said amount by order of the Board of Finance and Taxation, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, payable on demand with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum

By Commissioner Taussig:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby loan to the Committee on Finance of the Board of Finance and Taxation the sum of thirty thousand dollars to be taken from the fund of 1873, provided that a bond be issued for said amount by order of the Board of Finance and Taxation, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund payable on demand with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Commissioners Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Commissioner Mullins.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 4, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was on motion dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Wm. Brinkerhoff, Daniel McNeil, per Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney, J. H. Halsey and A. P. Newkirk, per Frank L. Clark, attorney, all for return of differences between old and new assessments. Petition of J. J. Stelke, per W. P. Douglass, attorney, for return of difference between old and new assessments. Petition of John K. See to have corrected an error in taxes of 1873. All referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $2,500 for publication of tax sales, received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported a balance of $78,-162 17 in the City Depositories to all the accounts at the close of business Sept. 4, 1879.

The City Comptroller reported the sum of $29,496 08 as the total amount of receipts of the City Treasury from August 28 to Sept. 3, 1879, inclusive.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the various committees of the Board of Public Works to expend certain definite amounts for the three months ensuing for incidental expenses and matters not heretofore concurred in.

2. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for carting and disposing of all the refuse obtained from the sewers of Jersey City,

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting the transfer of $5,500 from engineering bureau to appropriation for Committee on Streets and Sewers, 1878-79. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Requisitions from the City Collector and City Treasurer requesting stationery, both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

On motion the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported a petition of John Michel recommending the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The Commissioners of Assessment in making out the assessment for the sewer in Beacon avenue, from Summit to Central avenue, considered lots Nos. 14 and 15, block No. 577 as having a depth of 164 feet, while in reality they have only a depth of 112 feet; and

Whereas, Lot 14, block 577 was assessed $49 35 and lot 15, block 577 was assessed $60 10, making a total assessment of $109 45 which is in excess of the actual benefits conferred, it appearing from the schedule and map that lots in that immediate vicinity were considered by the Commissioners of Assessments to be benefitted in proportion to their extent in frontage and depth, or nearly so, and the owner of said lots being desirous of paying said assessment and having petitioned this Board for a rebatement which is considered to be reasonable and just, and the Corporation Counsel having given his opinion that in such cases this Board has power to act; therefore be it

Resolved, That under the provisions of an act entitled "A further act in relation to assessments in cities," approved March 7, 1877, this Board agrees in view of the above stated facts to allow a rebate on the total amount of said assessment of $9 45 as follows: $3 35 on lot 14, block 577, and $6 10 on lot 15 block 577, upon their specific assessments levied for the improvement known as "Sewer in Beacon avenue, from Summit to Central avenue now owned by John Michel and that the City Collector be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on the claim of the Evening Journal Association for publishing tax sales, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in in favor of the Evening Journal Association for the publication of tax sales of lands for arrears of taxes for the years 1872, 1873 and 1874, and the past due taxes of Greenville as per contract for the total sum of $2,500; one warrant to be drawn for $2,000 and one for $500, the warrant for $2,000 to be delivered to the City Collector on account of taxes due to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, in accordance with the contract entered into between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and the Evening Journal Association, these amounts to be paid under the direction of the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on claim of the "Franklyn Bank Note Co." recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $412 be paid to to the "Franklyn Bank Note Company" for engraving alterations in bond and endorsement plates and printing bonds.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 11, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was on motion dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions from Alex. H. McGarren, John W. Soper, J. D. Weltz, Keeney & Halladay, William Keeney, Library Hall Association, E. H. Parker, Henry Gaines, Charles M. Betts, J. F. McCoy, John R. Halladay by Frank L. Clarke, Atty., Louis Heller, William B. Conklin, Charles Appleby by Wm. G. Bumsted, Attorney, Peter Miller and G. W. Helms by Wm. Brinkerhoff, Attorney, all for the return of difference between old and re-assessment. Received and referred to Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Andrew McKnight to have corrected an error in taxes of 1873. Received and referred to Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of Mary E. Drayton for permission to pay arrearages of taxes at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr., of $34 25 for stationery furnished Corporation Attorney; claim of The Argus of $47 for corporation printing; claim of Adolph Walter of $2 for cleaning and repairing clock in City Collector's office, all received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury Sept. 4th to 10th, 1879, both days included:

General Tax account, total	$3,548 04
Assessment account total	353 80
Water account total	2,003 86
Sinking Fund, 1873 total	850 04
Sinking Fund, 1876 total	543 15

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account		$73,207 13
" Assessment "		
" Water "		
Sinking fund, 1873 "		
" " 1876 "		

Both received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to the Warren Foundry and Machine Company for 500 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe at $29 22 per ton of 2,240 lbs.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $20 from the account of Normal School to the account of the Committee on Janitors and Janitors' Supplies, and the sum of $80 from the account of Normal School to the account of the Committee on Furniture and Repairs. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board having reassembled the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of twenty dollars from the account of Normal School to the Committee on Janitors and Janitors Supplies, of the Board of Directors of Education of the present fiscal year, to purchase necessary supplies for schools Nos. 1 and 3; also, that he be requested to transfer eighty dollars from the account of Normal School of said Board to the Committee on Furniture and Repairs of the present fiscal year, to be used for the same purpose.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The same committee reported on petition of Mary E. Drayton for permission to pay arrearages of taxes at the rate of seven per cent. per annum adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above report, it was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Drohan.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported verbally on the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for furnishing a pumping engine with boilers, steam connections, &c., having a capacity of 2½ to 3 million gallons per day, for the purpose of a High Service supply of the Passaic water, received February 20th, 1879, and the resolution rescinding the above received August 28th, 1879, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 2d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for carting and disposing of all the refuse obtained from the sewers of Jersey City be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 9th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for furnishing and delivering 500 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe be and is hereby awarded to the Warren Foundry and Machine Company at the price named in their proposal, viz: $29 22 per ton of 2,240 lbs., that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 26th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing a pumping engine with boiler, steam connections, &c., having a capacity of 2½ to 3 million gallons per day, for the purpose of a High Service supply of Passaic water, at a cost not to exceed $20,000, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of John H. Newton, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of John H. Newton, Receiver, for the sum of $312 83, being amount of money paid by him for taxes of 1872 on lot 15, block 210, No. 190 Third street, June 29, 1879, the said taxes having been previously paid September 9, 1879, it being a duplicate payment, as by reference to the receipts and record in the Collector's office fully appears, and that the City Collector be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of Frank Stevens, agent, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor Frank Stevens for the sum of sixteen dollars, being amount of money paid by him through error for water rent of lot 10, block 446, 137 Pacific avenue, June 27, 1879, the said water rent having been previously paid by him May 15, 1879, it being a duplicate payment, as appears on the books and by the certificate of the Water Registrar.

The same committee reported on petition of Andrew McKnight, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to cancel the duplicate assessment for taxes against lot 48, block 575, for the year 1873, standing in the name of Stevens and McKnight, by altering the record so that the lots assessed as parts of lots shall begin to number from 49, running to 52 inclusive, instead of 48, running to 52, inclusive.

The same committee reported on petition of J. J. Bouton, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel from the record of taxes in his office for the year 1874 the assessment standing in the name of J. J. Bouton against property described as "Lots 6 to 18 inclusive, block 10, corner of Ocean avenue and Fulton avenue, valuation $3,200, amount of tax $97, and that the sale of said land recently made for non-payment of taxes be cancelled it being a duplicate assessment as appears on the books in the City Collector's office.

The same Committee reported on petition of Fardy O'Grady recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record that certain assessment for taxes for the year 1873, in the name of Pardy Grady against lots 35 and 36, block 2, Merseles avenue, and that the sale recently made of said property for the non-payment of taxes for that year be cancelled, it being a duplicate assessment, the proper assessment standing in the name of Fardy O'Grady, and marked paid on the record for that year, and that the City Clerk be notified.

The same Committee reported on petition of Henry Scharf, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel from the record of taxes for the year 1871 that certain assessment for taxes against property described as 1 lot valued at $200, Fulton avenue, assessed for $1 96, standing in the name of H. Scharf, and that the sale of said property for non-payment of taxes recently made be cancelled, it being a duplicate assessment, and the City Clerk be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions;

On claim of the Argus.

Resolved, That the sum of $47 be paid to the Argus for corporation printing.

On claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr.:

Resolved, That the sum of $34 25 be paid to Charles S. Clarke, Jr., for stationery furnished the Corporation Attorney.

On claim of Adolph Walter:

Resolved, That the sum of $2 be paid to Adolph Walter for cleaning and repairing clock in the City Collector's office,

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 18th 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were laid over for approval at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of B. Kellers by Frank L. Clark, Attorney, requesting payment for certain land taken for the use of the city in 1871 or 1872 for the improvement of Summit avenue; petitions of Falkenburgh & Birdsall and S. R. Halsey by Frank L. Clark, Attorney; of Dr. James Wilkinson by Wm. Brinkerhoff, Attorney, for the return of difference between the old and new assessment. All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Karl L Wittemeyer to have taxes on property owned by him and which was assessed in 1873 as a house and lot corrected, as the property at the time said assessment was made was a vacant lot. The petition was received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of Jacob J. Detwiller for the return of $125 paid by him to the City Treasurer for the opening and paving of Danforth avenue. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Journal of Commerce of New York of $4 80 for advertising interest on Jersey City bonds; claim of McAvoy Bros of $41 95 for stationery furnished City Collector's and City Comptroller's office. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....	
" " Assessment account..	
" " Water account.....	$80,169 45
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....	
" " " 1876....	

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, September 11th to 17th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$2,891 64
Assessment account, total.....	671 70
Water account, total.....	4,009 99
Sinking Fund, 1873, total.....	1,317 11
Sinking Fund, 1876, total.....	290 14

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, Sept. 17th, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—Petition No. 33—On petition of Ann B. D. Rudderow, T. J. Kennedy, Attorney, Summit avenue improvement. Bill made out in the name of John Rudderow:

Original assessment confirmed Dec. 21, 1875.
New assessment confirmed March 11, 1873

January 24th, 1874, paid assessment.....	$2,261 96
Interest.....	32 60
Total.....	$2,294 36
New assessment for block 220, lot 85, block 221, lot 15, 16 and 17.....	$1,538 00

Statement for payment:

Total payment.....	$2,294 36
Deduct new assessment..... $1,538 00	
Proportion of interest..... 22 12	1,560 12
Balance, being overpayment with interest from January 24th, 1874.	$734 12
Interest @ 7 per cent. from January 24th, 1874, to July 4th, 1878, 4 years 5 months and 10 days...	$228 28
Interest @ 6 per cent. from July 4th, 1878, to September 17th, 1879, 1 year 2 months 13 days.....	52 97
Total..	$1,015 49

Resolution to pay $1,015 49 on account of above, upon certificate of the Corporation Counsel that Ann B. D. Rudderow paid the original assessment or is entitled to receive the above sum, provided money is used to pay assessments, as stated in petition.

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer of $17 50 from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to the Committee on Printing and Stationery of the year 1877-78, for the purpose of paying claims against the said Committee. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1 Construction of a brick sewer in Ogden avenue from the present sewer in Franklin street to a point about 20 feet north of the line of Ferry street.

2 Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled—All the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petition of John Halliard for the exchange of Ravine Road sewer improvement certificates for a Jersey City bond, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a bond be issued by the corporation of Jersey City to John Halliard in the place and stead of nine Ravine Road sewer improvement certificates numbered and for amounts as follows: No. 3 for $22 20; No. 93 for for $22 50; No. 106 for $370; No. 113 for $78 40; No. 122 for $30 60; No. 150 for $30 50; No. 160 for $44 50; No. 161 for $44 50; No. — for $350, aggregating the sum of $1,002 20, the said bond to be in amount equal to the aggregate amount of said improvement certificates, to be dated January 1st, 1878, and to be due and payable in two years from said date, said bond being issued under the provisions of an act entitled, "Supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to provide for the continuation of the Ravine Road sewer in the city of Jersey City and the city of Hoboken,'" approved March 9th, 1877, said bond to bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum and upon the issuing of said bond the said improvement certificates shall be delivered to the City Comptroller to be cancelled.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously:

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of John K. See, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to transfer the sum of $21 60 paid by John K. See in error on lots 69 and 70, block 794 to lots 151 to 154, block 783, the said amount having been paid twice, once by the said John K. See and once by the owner of said lots; provided, however, that said amount be credited and transferred to liquidate the taxes on lots 151 to 154, block 783, when the said John K. See tenders to the City Collector the balance of the amount of taxes on said lots with interest and penalty at the rate now chargeable.

The same committee reported on petition of John Rogers recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be requested to correct the tax levied in the year 1873 against the property of John Rogers known as lot No. 12, block 744, Cambridge avenue, said property having been assessed as a house and lot valued at $1,400, when in reality it is a vacant lot properly valued in 1874 at $400, which should be the valuation of said lot for the year 1873, as per statement of assessor hereto annexed.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of the Journal of Commerce of New York:

Resolved, That the sum of $4 80 be paid to the Journal of Commerce of New York for advertising interest on Jersey City bonds June 27, 1879.

On claim of McAvoy Bros.:

Resolved, That the sum of $41 95 be paid to McAvoy Bros., for stationery furnished City Comptroller's and City Collector's offices.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 25, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of September 11 and September 18, 1879, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of George Lawrence, William Frost, William P. Bleecker, for return of difference between old and new assessments. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of P. J. Condon for return of money deposited with Treasurer March 24, 1879, for preliminary expenses on application for the improvement of Mercer street from easterly side of Brunswick street to the easterly side of Monmouth street. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Official bond of Thomas Foley as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Thomas Foley and P. H. Laverty as sureties. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A remonstrance against the building of a sewer in Pierce avenue signed by Theodore F. Wolfe and Scudder & Vredenburgh, attorneys for the estate of Wm. B. Ogden, was received, read and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr., of $82 for stationery furnished City Treasurer, City Comptroller, Corporation Attorney and Board of Finance and Taxation. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Linn & Babbitt, attorneys, for amount of master's report in the case of Christian Schumm, &c., complainants, and James H. Elmendorf et als, defendants. Received and referred to Corporation Counsel.

Claims of Collins & Corbin, attorneys, for the following judgments: Margaretta Carter vs. the city, $850 45; Thomas C. O'Callaghan vs. the city, $1,607 44; Charles F. Mead vs. the city, $278 19. All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Clerk. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE WATER REGISTRAR.

September 25, 1879.

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation;

Gentlemen:—Since the date of my last report to your honorable body the following list of water rents have been placed in my hands for collection, viz:

Measured water due May, 1879	$10,803 75
" " " June, 1879	10,066 65
" " " July, 1879	10,782 16
" " " August, 1879	11,188 12
" " Quarter ending August, 1879	7,243 97
Building water rent for 1879-'80	231,033 66

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. HAIGHT, Registrar.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, September 18th to 24th, both days included:

General tax account, total	$46,204 55
Assessment account, total	216 51
Water account, total	4,912 73
Sinking Fund, 1873, total	458 50
Sinking Fund, 1876, total	1,092 58

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account	$119,481 07
" " Assessment account	
" " Water account	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873	
" " " 1876	

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment map:

Improvement of Ocean avenue, from Myrtle to Atlantic avenue, $57,343 80.

All of the above reports were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Transfer of Hugh Murphy from Inspector on Public School No. 21 to be Inspector on Police Station House on Oakland avenue, at a salary of $3 per day.

2. Awarding contract to Samuel Hetherington for the plumbing, gas and steam heating in school No. 21, at $4,349.

3. Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for the construction of a brick sewer in Oakland avenue.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

A concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, awarding contract to John V. Condon for the construction of a brick sewer in Pierce avenue, was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the residents along the line of the proposed sewer in Pierce avenue were given an opportunity to be heard, after which the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled—All the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfert he sum of $17 50 from the appropriation for the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings of 1877 and 1878 to the appropriation for the Committee on Printing and Stationery of the same year for the purpose of paying claims against said committee.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Thomas Foley as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Michael Foley and P. H. Laverty as sureties, recommending that the same be received, placed on file and spread at large on the bond book.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports of the committee were received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of F. C. Hollins, agent, for Mary L. Costa, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to correct the error made in the assessment for taxes levied against lot 32, block 391, in the name of John B. Coles, for the years 1876 and 1877. It being assessed as a house and lot, being valued at $2,200 when it should be assessed as a vacant lot for both said years valued at $1,200. It appearing by the report of the Assessor that the facts stated in the petition are true.

The same committee reported on petition of K. L. Wittemeyer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he it hereby authorized and instructed to correct the error in the assessment for taxes levied against lot No. 134, block 634, Tuers, now Skillman avenue, for the years 1873 and 1874, it being assessed for those years as a house and lot, whereas, during those years there was no house upon said lot, it being a vacant lot, the proper valuation for said years being $350 according to the statement rendered be the Assessor.

The same committee reported on petition of Josephine Burggaller, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby instructed and authorized to correct the error made in the assessment for taxes of 1878 on lot 13, block 773, it being assessed as a house and lot valued at $1,200, when it should be assessed as a vacant lot valued at $400, it appearing by the report of the Assessor that there is no house upon said lot.

The same committee reported on petition of Jane Merseles for rebate on water rents on account of no water being used on the premises, the water main never having been tapped, ad-

verse to granting the same, she having been assessed according to the rules.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above reports, they were received, and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on petition of Thomas Harrington, asking the Board to instruct the City Collector to receive without interest the sum of $20, balance due on taxes of 1872, as the error was made by a clerk employed in the office, adverse to granting the same, it appearing from the books in the City Collector's office that the said Harrington was notified of the error but failed to have it rectified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above report, the recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nays—Mr. Smith.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 5th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $15 be paid to John J. Keirle for painting Street Commissioner's wagon; $64 05 to C. J. Winant for sand; $27 76 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, &c; $149 to Patrick Mulligan for labor and materials on Morgan street dock; $12 to R. C. Blackwell for blue stone; $58 66 to C. A. Woolsey for white rubber; $153 67 to Steele & Condict for pipe, flanges, &c; $168 80 to Steele & Condict for bearings, &c; $73 06 to Backus & Crane for spruce plank; $12 to Steele & Condict for turning and forging; $31 07 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, &c; $8 50 to Christopher Merry for repairing pump; $26 55 and $31 65 to Philip E. Martin for putting in water troughs; $14 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising assessment map for improvement of New York avenue (late Ravine Road) from Ferry street to the boundary line between Hoboken and Jersey City; $10 to W. O. Irving for repairing chairs, &c; $5 to J. F. Mallory for expenses to Trenton, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 26th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $42 79 be paid to Robert Muirhead for bridge stone; $6 48 to John Gardner, agent, for spruce timber; $12 to J. L. McGimpsey for delivering notices for assessment for improvement of New York avenue (formerly Ravine Road) from Ferry street to easterly boundary line between Hoboken and Jersey City; $15 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for assessment for improvement of Ocean avenue between Myrtle avenue and Atlantic street; $48 35 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $20 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph line to Belleville for July, 1879; $65 to Backus & Crane for spruce plank; $255 36 to McFarland & Mellvary for bearers and grate bars; $260 95 to Hewes & Phillips for machinery supplies; $4 50 to James Devine, Jr., for cleaning boiler tubes; $5 30 to John Gardner, agent, for spruce timber; $60 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising notice of turning off water in Bergen; $14 75 to J. W. Harrison for time books, &c., for Engineering Bureau; $16 25 to the N. J. Freie Presse for notice for assessment for improvement of New York avenue from Ferry street to the boundary line between Jersey City and Hoboken; $17 50 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising notice to contractors for sewer in Oakland avenue from Waverly street to Hoboken avenue and in Laidlaw avenue; $60 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising notice for assessment for improvement of New York avenue from Ferry street to boundary line between Jersey City end Hoboken; $17 50 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising notice to contractors for services in Pierce avenue from Congress to Bowers street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 15th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $46 be paid Wm. Gaston for horse shoeing; $27 40 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $188 36 to Daniel F. Treacey for pig lead; $16 66 to Vanderbeek & Sons for lumber and cement; $18 to Patrick Mulligan for water troughs; $186 to John McLean for hydrants; $240 to R. D. Wood & Co., for Eddy valves; $43 73 to J. F. Maxwell & Co., for feed for pipe yard; $21 75 and $21 75 to A. A. Donnelly for plumbing work; $6 25 to The Argus for book for Registrar; $7 35 to Michael Busber for gong and fixtures; $20 to The Argus for advertising notice to contractors for sewer in Oakland avenue from Waverly street to Hoboken avenue, in Laidlaw avenue; $20 to The Argus for advertising notice to contractors for sewer in Pierce avenue from Congress street to South, through Summit avenue to Bowers street; $16 to The Argus for printing manuals, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 8th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $31 be paid to John Lynch for blacksmith work; $89 64 to Davenport, Oothout & Treacy for castings, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation,

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 22, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $4 60 be paid to Wm. Crawford for blacksmith work; $2 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed in stable; $32 to Sherry & Fagan for horse shoeing; $18 to John Slater for kalsomining and papering at Belleville; $13 38 to George W. Heritage for painting; $83 20 to Andrew Burke for sharpening tools; $140 16 to Davenport, Oothout & Treacy for castings; $84 02 to Daniel F. Treacy for pig lead; $20 80 to M. P. Moran for plumbing work; $175 to Davenport, Oothout & Treacy for hydrants; $56 75 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas used in office; $18 90, $30 25 and $12 to Jordan Stationery Company for stationery for Engineering Bureau; $12 50 to Jordan Stationery Company for minute book for Engineering Bureau; $5 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice to contractors for sewer in Pierce avenue, from Congress street to South street; $5 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice to contractors for sewer in Oakland avenue, from 40 feet north of Waverly street to Hoboken avenue, and in Laidlaw avenue; $40 to Farrier & Garretson for one 40-gallon boiler; $24 14 to Joseph Zumbusch for plumbing work, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works August 19, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $38 be paid to John A. Vill for repairing harness; $60 55 to C. J. Winant for sand; $291 87 to Warner & Carscallen for feed; $21 63 to Claus Prigge for feed; $12 75 to John A. Vill for fly-net, lap-robe, &c.; $11 80 to James Rafter for horse troughs, &c.; $290 62 to Michael Fitzpatrick for sleeves, frames and covers; $28 55 to Thomas Cox for plumbing work on horse troughs; $9 60 to George B. Lockwood for plumbing work; $2 65 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice to contractors for iron pipe; $115 to Thomas Sheridan for carting iron pipe; $47 11 to John Killen for blacksmith work; $15 to H. A. Greene for postage stamps; $12 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice for assessment Ocean avenue, from Myrtle avenue to Atlantic street; $56 50 to the Argus for advertising notice for assessment of Ocean avenue, from Myrtle avenue to Atlantic street, and 500 posters for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 8th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $4 be paid to the Jersey City Herald for advertising notice for sewer in Beacon avenue, from Summit avenue to Central avenue; $4 50 to Jersey City Herald for advertising notice for sewer in Palisade avenue and Franklin street, from Palisade avenue to New York avenue; $4 50 to the Jersey City Herald for

advertising notice for sewer in Central avenue, from Manhattan avenue to Franklin street; $30 to A. P. Eikeman for posting 1,000 water rent notices; $15 to J. W. Wakefield for posting 500 water rent notices; $5 50 to Jersey City Herald for advertising water rent notices, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works July 29, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $2 50 be paid to McNab & Harlan Manufacturing Co. for hose pipe; $20 to William P. Morris for repairs to telegraph to Belleville for the month of June; $28 55 to John Conlin for feed for Belleville; $23 15 to Thomas Cox for plumbing work; $163 04 to George A. Wood for sundry hardware; $31 74 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $10 to The Argus for advertising notice to consumers of Passaic water; $3 to Lewis Decker for City Directory; $16 to The Argus for printing manuals; $62 50 to The Argus for advertising notice for reassessment for improvement of New York avenue, from Ferry street to boundary between Boboken and Jersey City; $4 50 to Jersey City Herald for advertising notice to contractors for sewer in Oakland and Laidlaw avenues; $4 50 Jersey City Herald for advertising notice to contractors for sewer in Pierce avenue, from Congress to South street; $75 to Henry J. Callo for insurance on Morgan street dock, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution rdopted by the Board of Public Works, July 8, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $81 20 be paid to F. P. Reed for cylinder oil; $11 to W. E. J. Saunders, V. S., for medical treatment for horses; $332 48 to Warner & Carscallen for feed; $16 76 to James Hetherington for feed, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 1, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $24 09 be paid to Washburn & Bro., for brick and cement; $40 14 to Clause Prigge for feed; $20 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph lines between Greenville and Jersey City; $12 to D. C. Farley for sundry hardware; $7 80 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notice to coal dealers: $53 03 to R. D. Wood & Co., for pipe; $31 31 to Bernard McGuigan for plumbing work; $30 70 to Bernard McGuigan for plumbing work; $6 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice of water rents, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 1st, 1879, to wit;

Resolved, That $20 be paid to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for opening of Washington avenue, between the northerly line of the estate of James Currie, deceased, and Grand street; $4 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for reassessment for sewer in Wayne street, between Putnam avenue and Henderson street; $20 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for opening of Pacific avenue, between Washington avenue and the former boundary line between Greenville and Jersey City; $2 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for sewer in Beacon avenue, from Summit avenue to Central avenue; $2 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for sewer in Central avenue, from Manhattan avenue to sewer in Franklyn street; $2 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices of sewer in Palisade avenue and Franklyn street, from 250 feet north of Franklyn street in Palisade avenue to Franklyn street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 16th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation and approval of the Mayor and Aldermen, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the application in writing of D. Pohlman and others, presented to this Board on the 9th day of September, 1879, for the construction of a brick sewer in Ogden avenue, from the present sewer in Franklyn street to a point about 20 feet north of the line of Ferry street, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, which hereby declares its determination to make said improvement unless at or before the time hereafter to be appointed for hearing parties in relation thereto a remonstrance shall be presented to this Board signed by the owners of property liable to more than one-half the assessment therefor, and that the Commissioners of Assessment, with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey, be and are hereby directed to make and report to this Board an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling and amount of work to be done and of the materials to be furnished for the making and completion of the said improvement, and that upon the filing of such report the clerk of this Board shall advertise for proposals for doing such work and furnishing such materials in manner and for the length of time required by law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works September 23, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 10th day of September, 1878, application was made to this Board for the construction of a brick sewer in Oakland avenue, from about 40 feet northeast of Waverly street to Hoboken avenue, and in Laidlaw avenue, from 75 feet southeast of Central avenue, to connect with above described sewer in Oakland avenue; and

Whereas, On the 12th day of August, 1879, the Commissioners of Assessment filed with the Board of Public Works their preliminary sketch for said improvement; and

Whereas, On the 22d day of September, 1879, this Board met and heard all parties interested in said application who appeared and all remonstrances against the said improvement that were presented in writing; and

Whereas, This Board has determined that a remonstrance against the said improvement, signed by the owners of the property liable to more than one-half of the assessment therefor, has not been presented; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the said improvement be made and that the contract for said work and materials be awarded to Patrick O'Neill, he being the lowest bidder for the whole work and materials, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan, Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

President Beach being excused from voting.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of September, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of September, 1879, when due, viz:

Henry J. Hopper, mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, city treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, city comptroller, $200; James H. Love, city collector, $200; Leon Abbett, corporation counsel, $333 33; Allan McDermott, corporation attorney, $125; William Stevens, clerk to comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., clerk to treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, assistant collector, $100; S. D. Dickinkson, clerk to collector, $60; James T. Grady, clerk to collector, $60; Seneca Barker, clerk to collector, $60;

Louis E. Smith, clerk to collector, $60; John T. McKayler, clerk to collector, $60; Charles Krebs, clerk to collector, $60: James E. Connolly, clerk to collector, $60; John Kenedy, clerk to collector, $60, William H Powell, marshal 2d district court, $50; Thomas K. Halstead, clerk to City Clerk, $60; N. E. Feury, clerk to City Clerk, $60; A. L. Sears, clerk to City Clerk and Mayor, $60; Michael Kilcauley, assessor 1st district, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, assessor 2d district, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, assessor 3d district, $108 33: Martin Logan, assessor 4th district, $108 33; John M. Park, assessor 5th district, $108 33; James C. Clarke, assessor 6th district, $108 33; The Argus, printing minutes, $208 33; The Evening Journal, printing minutes, $208 33; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $25.

The same committee reported the salary list for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending September 30th, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending September 30th, 1879, viz: Marcus Beach, President of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; M. M. Drohan, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; John Mullins, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; Simeon H. Smith, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; Isaac W. Taussig, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr., recommending the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, That the sum of $82 be paid to Charles S. Clarke, Jr., for stationery furnished City Treasurer, Corporation Attorney and office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 23d, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 13th day of August, 1878, application was made to this Board for the construction of a brick sewer in Pierce avenue from the southerly line of Congress street to South street, through South street to Summit avenue, through Summit avenue to Bowers street, through Bowers street to connect with the present sewer in Bowers street; and

Whereas, On the 12th day of August, 1879, the Commissioners of Assessments filed with the Board of Public Works their preliminary sketch for said improvement; and

Whereas, On the 22d day of September, 1879, this Board met and heard all parties interested in said application who appeared and all remonstrances against the said improvement that were presented in writing; and

Whereas, This Board has determined that a remonstrance against the said improvement signed by the owners of the property liable to more than one half of the assessment therefor, has not been presented; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the said improvement be made, and that the contract for said work and materials be awarded to John V. Condon, he being the lowest bidder for the whole work and materials, and that the Corporation Attorney be and he is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on remonstrances of Theodore F. Wolf and Scudder & Vredenburgh, attorneys for estate of Wm. B. Ogden, recommending that they be placed on file.

The President having called for the ayes and nays, the reports were received and the resolution and recommendations adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Mullins:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty dollars be paid to Walter Kissam for services performed by him in the City Comptroller's office during the month of September, 1879.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the assessors of the several districts be and they are hereby notified to hand in to this Board their books containing the tax levy for 1879 on the sixteenth day of October next.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for October, 1879: On general account, $19,615; on assessment account, $17,185; on water account, $29,645.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 2, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Benjamin Edge, Sarah D. Hanna, Alleta Mellick, Merseles M. Park, John M. Jones and John Jones, all for the return of difference between the old and new assessment were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Henry Traphagen of $1,262 36 for costs of searches and disbursements incurred in by him as Corporation Attorney. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of H. A. Greene of $7 for postage stamps. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisitions were received from the City Collector and Comptroller for stationery and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the City depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account..		
" " Water account.....	$67,425 87	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, September 25th to October 1st, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$29,642 37
Assessment account, total...	1,326 64
Water account, total.....	6,928 85
Sinking Fund, 1873, total.....	1,331 22
Sinking Fund, 1876, total....	1,933 10

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of $2,500 from the Committee on Lamps and Lights to the Committee on Salaries, Station Houses and Prisons, and the sum of $2,500 be transferred from the Committee on Lamps and Lights to the Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $700 from the account of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries to the account of the Committee on Furniture and Repairs, and the sum of $800 be transferred from the account of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries to the account of the Committee on Heating and Ventilating.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Petition No. 101:

Jersey City, October 2d, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—On petition of Wm. Brinkerhoff, improvement of Bergen avenue: Assessment on lot 36, block 355. Original assessment confirmed March 27th, 1873; new assessment confirmed October 9th, 1878; assessment paid April 26th, 1873. $697 59.

Total amount paid.....	$607 59
New assessment.....	458 00
Balance, being amount overpaid.....	$149 59
Interest from April 26th, 1873, to July 4th, 1878, at 7 per cent., 4 years, 2 months, 8 days.....	52 84
Interest from July 4th, 1878, to October 2d, 1879, at 6 per cent., 1 year, 2 months, 29 days...	11 18
Total amount due petitioner..... ...$213 61	

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, August 5. 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I have examined the petition of Carl Struver to have paid to him by the city certain moneys which he alleges were paid to the City Treasurer in redemption of certain tax sales which he held as purchaser at said tax sales.

I find that the moneys which he claims were paid to the City of Hudson in redemption of tax sales November 20, 1862, January 13, 1866, and February 1, 1866.

I have yet failed to receive any statement as to why such a long delay has been had by the party claiming this money.

Two of the claims are over thirteen years old and another nearly seventeen years old. None of the moneys was received by Jersey City, and all of it was paid as alleged to the City of Hudson. In the case of such a stale claim as this, where it is difficult to get at the facts and the party has slept so long upon his rights, if any he has, I would advise that the city refuse to pay the claim and plead to the statue of limitation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and petitioner notified.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, October 2, 1879.

To the Hon, the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I have before me the petition of Alexander H. McGarren, (F. L. Clark, e attorney), to have a warrant drawn for him of $126 64 in place of two cancelled by resolution of your Board as uncalled for.

The certificate of the City Clerk shows the cancellation and the petition shows that the warrants were given for lands taken for the widening of Newark plankroad.

I advise your Board to pay this sum to Mr. McGarren or his attorney upon receiving a deed for the lands taken, the deed to be approved of by the City Attorney or City Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Petition No. 100.

Jersey City, October 2, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen — On petition of Daniel McNeil, improvement main sewer, 3d ward, Hudson City, assessment on lots 30 and 31, block 776. Original assessment confirmed February 3, 1875.

Assessment paid May 26, 1876.....	$34 79
Interest.....	5 35
Total paid.....	$40 14

Amount of new assessment, $10.

Statement for payment:

Total amount paid.....	$40 14
New assessment.....	10 00
Proportion of interest.....	1 53
Balance being amount overpaid.....	$28 61
Interest from May 29th, 1876, to July 4th, 1878, at 7 per cent., 2 years, 2 months, 36 days...	$4 38
Interest from July 4th, 1878, to October 2d, 1879, at 6 per cent., 1 year, 2 months, 29 days.....	2 15
Total amount due petitioner	$34 14

LEON ABBETT, C. C.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, Oct. 1, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City;

Gentlemen—The petition of B. Kellers (Frank L. Clark, Attorney) asking for the payment to him of the value of land taken by the city at the cor. of Jewett avenue and Storm avenue at the time of the improvement of Summit avenue in 1871 or 1872, being a triangle of about 612 square

feet has been submitted to me. The petition states that no award was made for the land taken and that there is no memoranda or diagrams or any assessment or any map of improvements in the vicinity of said lots which shows the piece taken. It would seem that this triangle was taken by some one either without authority or under some verbal arrangement which does not appear. The improvement appears by the map to have left a triangle at the junction of Jewett avenue and Storm avenue. The flagging as laid, cuts across this triangle from Storm avenue to Jewett avenue. The city in my opinion is not liable for this land. It has no right to the possession of it so far as any record evidence is concerned. It would appear as though some city official had assumed the authority to deviate from the improvement as directed by the Board of Works, and to take the land without any authority of law. The proper owner seems to have stood by and permitted it to be done and to have acquiesced in it for over seven or eight years. Whether he would now be bound in equity may be an open question. It is certainly strange that if he had made no arrangement permitting this triangle to be taken and dedicated for public purposes he should have remained silent all these long years. If Mr. Kellers want the land the question for the city is whether it is wise to resist his claim; whether it is not better to let the improvement stand as it is shown on the map of the improvement, and let Mr. Kellers have his triangle, he never having been paid for it, as he states. I would advise that your body refer the matter to the proper committee to see the property owners adjacent to this land and ascertain the facts as to how it came to be taken, it not being shown, it not being shown on the map as taken whether there was any arrangement between the owner of the land and the city, and generally all the facts connected with it, and also whether the city deems it wise to attempt to make an arrangement to get the title to this piece of land if they wish to retain it and find they have no legal reason which would authorize them at present to do so.

I will advise with your committee with pleasure during the course of their investigation, or when they have finished the same.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on claim of Linn & Babbitt for amount of Master's report on order of the Chancellor in the Ellemendorf case, recommending that the claim be referred to the Corporation Attorney on account of the Corporation Counsel having been at one time the solicitor for Ellemendorf.

The communication was received and the claim referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney stating that in the case of "The Gutta Percha Rubber Manufacturing Company" versus the Mayor, &c, tried in the Hudson Circuit Court on the 22d day of September, judgement of non suit was granted by his Honor Manning M. Knapp. The action was brought to recover the value of rubber hose delivered at the house of the reserve engine of the Fire Department upon the order of the chief engineer and chairman of the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Fire Commissioners. In April, 1877, the bill was presented to the Board, who refused to audit the same upon the ground that the charge was excessive. The ruling of the court in this case establishes the following precedent—that the action unauthorized by resolution of the Board of a member of the committee of any municipal Board of Jersey City cannot create a legal obligation against the city unless such action receives the ratification of the Board from whose appropriation payment of the value of materials furnished or labor performed is sought, and that the Mayor's approval is necessary to complete such ratification.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance:

1. Apppointment of Patrick Coogan as inspector on sewer in Oakland avenue at a salary of $2 50 per day.

2. Appointment of Andrew Leicht as inspector on sewer in Pierce avenue at a salary of $2 50 per day.

3 Requesting transfer of $5 81 from Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings of 1878-9 to Committee on Streets and Sewers same year.

4. Showing the probable gross amount of money needed for the ensuing three months to be $75,000.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Puster & Son for removing refuse material from the sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City at 49 cents per load of 40 cubic feet.

2. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to purchase feed to an amount of $300.

3. Appointment of John Craven, Thomas D. Christie and Herbert Stout as Commissioners of Assessment.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

A concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing John F. McAnnally as extra clerk, was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $700 from the account of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries of the present fiscal year of the Board of Directors of Education to the account of the Committee on Furniture and Repairs; also the sum of $800 from account of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries to the account of the Committee on Heating and Ventilating of the same Board of the present fiscal year.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Sept. 30th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Patrick Coogan be and is hereby appointed Inspector on sewer in Oakland avenue and Laidlaw avenue, at a salary of $2 50 per day, be and is here. by concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Sept. 30th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, Andrew Leicht be and is hereby appointed Inspector on Pierce aveuue sewer at a salary of $2 50 per day, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported verbally on judgment claims of Charles F. Mead, Margaretha Carter and Thomas C. O'Callaghan, recommending that they be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The President having called for the ayes and nays, each of the above reports they were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 30th 1879, to wit;

Resolved. That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to purchase horse feed to the amount of $300 for the Street Department, be

and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Sept. 30, 1879. to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for removing refuse material from sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City, be and is hereby awarded to Puster & Son at the price named in their proposal, viz: forty-nine (49) cents per load of 40 cubic feet, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works appointing William Clarkson as Sewer Inspector and Phillip E. Martin as tapper, recommending that they be laid on the table.

The President having called for the ayes and nays, the report of the committee was received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 30, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation John F. McAnally be appointed an extra clerk to this Board for the purpose of completing index of public papers and documents connected with this department.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of H. A. Greene recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of seven dollars be paid to H. A. Greene for postage stamps furnished September 24, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 9, 1879, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of William Brinkerhoff to be allowed to use a certain judgment claim in favor of George Gifford against the city to pay assessment due the city from said Gifford. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petitions of Martin V. B. Clark, A. Steenken and Patrick O'Conner for return of difference between old assessment set aside and reassessment made. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Frank L. Clark, attorney, requesting speedy payment of a judgment against the city in favor of T. J. Pope for $272 22. Communication from Henry Traphagen requesting payment of certain judgments against the city in favor of Thomas S. Appleton, Michael Connelly, Patrick Mulheern, Edward Coughlin, James Coughlin, Andrew Kinny, Thomas Lally, George S. Appleton and Anthony Gillen. Both the above communications were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $80 for official printing; claim of H. A. Greene, Postmaster, of $8 for postage stamps. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationary and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported a balance to all the accounts in the City Depositories at the close of business Oct. 9 1879, of $64.151 73.

The City Comptroller reported $12,158 64 as the amount of the receipts of the city treasury Oct. 2 to 8, 1879, inclusive.

A requisition for stationary was received from the City Collector and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationary and Supplies with power.

A resolution was received from the Board of Public Works rescinding the resolution appointing Philip E. Martin as Tapper; also resolution rescinding that part of a former resolution referring to the appointment of Thomas D. Christie as Commissioner of Assessments; also resolution appointing Adam J. Dittmar as Commissioner of Assessments in the place of Thomas D. Christie.

On motion all of the above resolutions were tabled.

Three resolutions from Board of Public Works, one ordering paid certain claims, one requesting concurrence in award of contract to R. H. Worthington for pumping engine with boilers complete at $12,850, and one requesting concurrence in appointment of Louis Harwedel as tapper at a salary of $800 per annum. All received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

On re-assembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petition of Alexander H. McGarren recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, by a resolution of this Board certain warrants which had been lying in the City Clerk's office for some time unclaimed were ordered cancelled and destroyed by this Board, and among them two (2) drawn to the order of Alex H. McGarren numbered 244 and 245, Book D, Board of Public Works, each bearing date November 20, 1871, for $63 32 each, in all amounting to $126 64, that being the amount awarded said Alex. H. McGarren for that portion of lots Nos. 85 and 86, Block 119 old Bergen map, taken by the city for the widening of the Newark plank road, therefore be it

Resolved, That the said award be paid and that a warrant be drawn in favor of Alexander H. McGarren for the sum of $126 64, to take the place of these two warrants cancelled by order of this Board: provided, however, the said Alexander H. McGarren will execute and deliver to the City Clerk a good and sufficient deed for these portions of lots Nos. 85 and 86, block 119, taken by the city for the widening of the Newark Plank Road, said deed to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $5 81 from the appropriation for Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings for 1877-78, to the appropriation for the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the same year of the Board of Public Works.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Police Commissioners requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to make the following transfers for the Board of Police Commissioners, to wit: the sum of $2,500 from the Committee on Lamps and Lights to the Committee on Salaries, Station Houses and Prisons of the present fiscal year; also the sum of $2,500 from the Committee on Lamps and Lights to the Committee on Hospital and Dispensaries, present fiscal year.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works notifying this Board that the probable gross amount of money required by them for the next three months would be $75,000, recommending that the same be placed on file.

On motion the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The same committee reported on the claim of Henry Traphagen for taxed costs and disbursements incurred while Corporation Attorney, recommending that the claim be referred to the Corporation Counsel. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 23, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for the plumbing, gas fitting and steam heating of public school No. 21, on 12th street, in accordance with the plans and specifications, be and is hereby awarded to Samuel Hetherington at the price named in his proposal, viz.: four thousand three hundred and forty-nine ($4,349) dollars, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation, provided, That it is understood and agreed upon between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and shall be embodied in the contract to be executed between the city and the aforesaid contractor, that the city shall not be legally bound for any amount of money beyond the balance at the present time in the appropriation for the above purpose, to wit: $2,500. And provided also that the city hereby reserves the right to order additional work during the next fiscal year to complete the work mentioned in the above resolution at the lowest prices named in the bids received, to be done entirely at the option of the city, the Board of Public Works to order the same and the Board of Finance to concur therein.

The president having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee presented a minority report on the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works transferring Hugh

Murphy from inspector on Public School House No. 21 to be Inspector on Police Station House on Oakland avenue, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works, Sept. 23, 1879, to wit:

"Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Hugh Murphy be and is hereby transferred from Inspector on Public School House No. 21 to be Inspector on Police Station House on Oakland avenue at a salary of $3 per day; be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation for the reason that the compensation should not be over $2 50 per day

The President havnig called for the ayes and. nays on above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nays—Messrs Drohan and Mullins.

Mr. Smith stated that he had voted in the affirmative not for the reason stated in the above report but because he thought it unecesserv to have an Inspector on said work.

The Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies reported on claims of The Argus and H. A. Greene, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the sum of $80 be paid to The Argus for official printing. September 15 to Oct. 6, 1879.

Resolved; That the sum of $8 be paid to H. A. Greene for postage stamps furnished the City Comptroller.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Moved, That the resolutions from the Board of Public Works, now upon the table, be taken from the table and acted upon separately.

By Mr. Drohan:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works August 19, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, W. W. Ruggles be and is hereby appointed Chief Engineer for the ensuing year; and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and is hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds required, be and the same is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

By Mr. Drohan:

Moved, That the preamble and resolution from the Board of Public Works, adopted August 5, 1879, referring to the appointment of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer wherein the Board of Public Works "asks to be relieved from all responsibility or blame arising from the action of the Board of Finance and Taxation in withholding from the said Board of Public Works the services of a Chief Engineer," be and is hereby ordered returned to the Board of Public Wofks and the clerk instructed to inform the Board of Public Works that this Boar is willing to take all responsibility in the matter and is fully able to transact its own business.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Moved, That the reselution received from the Board of Public Works notifying this Board not to issue any more water bonds unless requested so to do by the Board of Public Works be and the same is hereby ordered filed.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Moved, That the resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to inform the Board of Public Works of the amount received from the sale of $50,000 water bonds last issue, and the purchaser of the same, be and is hereby ordered filed.

By Mr. Smith and carried:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing Louis Harwedel as tapper at a salary of $800 per annum be taken from the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions and laid upon the table.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Moved, That the resolution rescinding the appointment of Phillip E. Martin as Tapper be filed.

By Mr. Drohan:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works July 22d, 1879, to wit:

"Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Phillip E. Martin be and is hereby appointed Tapper at a salary of $800 per annum, term to commence August 1st, 1879," be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Mullins moved as an amendment that the Board do non-concur in the said resolutiou.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the amendment it was carried by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

Nays—Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the original resolution as amended it was carried by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

Nays—Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

By Mr. Drohan:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works July 22, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Wm. Clarkson be and is hereby appointed sewer inspector at a salary of $1,000 per annum, term to commence Aug. 1, 1879, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Moved, That the resolution from the Board of Public Works adopted October 7, 1879, rescinding that part of a resolution adopted September 30, 1879, referring to the appointment of Thomas D. Christie as Commissioner of Assessment be filed.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works Oct. 7, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Adam J. Dittmar be and is hereby appointed Commissioner of Assessments for the ensuing year, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation. The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works September 30, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation John Craven, Thomas D. Christie and Herbert Stout be and are hereby appointed Commissioners of Assessment for the ensuing year be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation except that part of said resolution which includes the name of Thomas D. Christie, that part having been rescinded by the Board of Public Works.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above rasolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

By Mr. Smith and carried:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing Louis Horwedell as Tapper be taken from the table.

By Mr. Mullins:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 7th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Louis Horwedell be and is hereby appointed Tapper for the ensuing year at a salary of $800 per annum, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

Nays—Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

By Mr. Smith and carried:

Moved, That the protest against the appointment of Phillip E. Martin as Tapper be taken from the table and filed.

By Mr. Taussig;

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transmit to the State Comptroller a statement of the financial condition of Jersey City in accordance with the provisions of an act approved March 6th, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 16, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received from Joseph B. Stone, Joseph Hanley, John Stratford, John A. Knoller, M. H. Howell, John H. Hopkins, Mrs. M. A. Bowley, Thomas W, James, J. B. Rittenhouse, C. Hagemeyer, J. Fitch Mallory, Mrs. E. C. Crowley for the return of difference between the old and new assessment. Referred to Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Jordan Stationery Company of $53.25 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation; claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company of $118 99 for gas consumed in the City Hall from July 1 to October 1, 1879. Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account		
" Assessment "		
" Water "	}	$66,335 94
Sinking fund, 1873 "		
" " 1876 "		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury October 9 to 15, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$2,697 00
Assessment account, total...	3 683 84
Water account, total.....	3,284 58
Sinking Fund, 1873, total.....	338 50
Sinking Fund, 1876, total.....	555 58

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $60 50 of the special appropriation for High school to the credit of the Committee on Books, Stationery and Music. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Preamble and resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to direct the City Attorney to bring an action of ejectment against the corporation and parties occupying the river front of Sussex street east of Hudson. The city claiming the right to all streets to the Hudson river. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel he to act in the matter as he may think proper.

Opinion of the Corporation Attorney on petition of James Elmendorf, Linn & Babbitt, Attorneys, recommending that the sum of $154 69 be paid said Elmendorlf in compliance with order of his Honor, Theodore Runyon, Chancellor. The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Opinion of the Corporation Council:

Jersey City, Oct. 13th, 1879.

To the Hon the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Mrs. Mellisa Clark (Frank L. Clark, Esq., Attorney,) petitions your Board to vacate the assessment upon lots 10, 11 and 12, block 562, for the construction of main sewer Section "A" 2d drainage district, confirmed February 26th, 1874. Her Attorney cites the case of the State, Kellogg, Pros., vs. Elizabeth, 11 Vroom, 274, decided June term, 1878, as conclusive that the assessment cannot be sustained. The original assessment for this improvement was for $366,487 70 and was confirmed July 12, 1872. Under the act to adjust unpaid assessments, approved March 26, 1873, this assessment was set aside and a new one made for $238.217 01, which was confirmed February 26, 1874. By this last assessment $128,270 69 was thrown upon the city. Mrs. Clark was assessed under the old assessment $357 14 for each lot, or in all $1,071 42; under the new assessment it was reduced to $229 85 for each lot, or in all $689 55. The Supreme Court at the November term, 1878, and since, have in all cases (notwithstanding the Kellogg case) refused writs of certiorari as to reassessments made by the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court under the act of March 26, 1873, except in cases where the Commissioners merely reaffirmed the reassessments without examination thereof and independent action thereon. The case of State, Morris et al, pros, vs. Jersey City, 11 Vroom, 485, shows when they will grant writs and the unreported case of State, Halliard, pros, vs. Jersey City, November term, 1878, Judge Dixon, stating the conclusion the court had reached, shows that in all other cases no writ will be allowed. In the present case the Supreme Court Commissioners reduced the old assessment $128.270 69 and Mrs. Clark's assessment was reduced on her three lots $381 87. My opinion is that the court will sustain the new assessment against Mrs. Clark's property and that you should refuse her petition under the Halliard case.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corp. Counsel.

The opinion was received, placed on file and the petitioner notified.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 30th, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of Benjamin Edge and William E. Flemming for differences between old and new assessments have been referred to me for my opinion. Mr. Flemming was assessed for the improvement of Washington avenue, which assessment he paid on October 2d, 1873.

Mr. Edge was asfessed for the widening of Montgomery street, which assessment he paid July 26th, 1871.

Both of these assessments were set aside by the Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments, appointed by the Supreme Court under the act of March 26th, 1873.

Under the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals in the case of Edwards plaintiff in error vs. Jersey City, XI Vroom, page 176, the petitioners cannot recover the differences between the old and new assessments as against the city.

Respectfully submited,

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, ordering paid certain claims. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petition of James H. Elmendorf, by Linn & Babbitt, attorneys, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Linn & Babbitt for the sum of $154 69, being amount of Master's report and order of Theodore Runyon, Chancellor, dated May 13th, 1878, in the cause wherein Christian Schuum was complainant and Jas. H. Eimendorf, the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, et als., were defendants; provided, however, that a proper release be delivered to the City Clerk, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Mr. Mullins being excused from voting.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of G. P. Howell, agent for A. L. Rapp, for return of $6 67, being amount paid in error on water rents for 1877, on lot 33 (Beache's map,) said lot being owned by D. Cronan, adverse to granting the same.

In regard to the amount paid by Mr. Rapp on lot 34 (Beache's map), said property at the time not being assessable, the committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of G. P. Howell, agent for A. L. Rapp, for the sum of $42 17, being amount of money paid by him in error for water rents on lot 34 (Beache's map), June 5, 1877 said property not being assessable for water rents at the time and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan, Mullins, Smith and Taussig—President Beach being excused from voting.

The Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of the Jordan Stationery Company:

Resolved; That the sum of $53 25 be paid to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of the Jersey City Gas Light Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $118 99 be paid to the Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas consumed in City Hall from July 1 to October 1, 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $2 01 to transfer that amount from May, 1878, interest to general account.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, October 20, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, October 20th, 1879, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were laid over for approval at the next regular meeting.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the Board of Fire Commissioners to review the annual parade of the Fire Department, October 23d, 1879, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The invitation was received, accepted and ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 23, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting held Oct. 16th, 1879, and of the adjourned meeting held Oct. 20th, 1879, was dispensed with and were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Charles Wadlow, Samuel Dewey (Collins & Corbin, attorneys), E. N. Wilson, J. J. Seifke, John C. Scarry, Henry Schwerdtfeger, H. Gelien, all for the return of difference between the old and new assessment.

Petition of Julia Shields to have cancelled a certain assessment. All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Wm. B. Van Vorst by his attorney, Samuel Hetherington, for return of money twice paid in redemption. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of Samuel Brijgart to be appointed an extra clerk to assist in making out tax bills. Received and referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr., of $87 93 for stationery furnished City Collector Oct. 23d, 1879.

Claim of Philip E. Martin of $40 23 for putting up and cleaning stoves in the City Hall.

Claim of H. A. Greene of $172 86 for postage stamps furnished City Collector and Mayor.

Claim of The Argus of $220 for printing tax bills and manuals, pages 52 to 57. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of H. L. R. Van Dycke of $7 for testimony taken in certain cases against the city; claim of Henry Traphagen of $40 68 for tax costs in certain cases against the city. Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account		
" Assessment "		
" Water "		$119,611 73
Sinking fund, 1873 "		
" " 1876 "		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury October 16 to 22, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	$52,917 96
Assessment account, total	1,045 73
Water account, total	919 20
Sinking Fund, 1873, total	424 26
Sinking Fund, 1876, total	356 77

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Requisition from the City Marshall for coal was received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Opinion of the Corporation Council:

Jersey City, Oct. 17th, 1879.
Petition No. 36.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—On petition of George Stratford, improvement Palisade avenue, now Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford street: Assessment on lots 8 7. 6. 5. block 286; original assessment confirmed March 12th, 1874; new assessment confirmed March 21st, 1878:

Assessment paid June 2d, 1874	$940 13
Interest	25 33
Total amount paid	$965 46
Amount of new assessment. $583.	

STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT.

Total amount paid		$965 46
New assessment	$583 00	
Deduct proportion of interest	15 70	598 70
Balance being amount overpaid		$366 79

Interest from June 2d, 1874, to July 4th, 1878, at 7 per cent. 4 years, 1 month, 2 days	$115 20
Interest from July 4th, 1878, to Oct. 11th, 1879, at 6 per cent. 1 year, 3 months and 13 days	27 44
Total amount due petitioner	$509 40

Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, C. C.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City. Oct. 17th, 1879.
Petition No. 36.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—On petition of George Stratford, improvement of Palisade avenue, now Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford street; assessment on lots 17, 16, 15, 14, 13 and 12, block 418; original assessment confirmed March 12th, 1874; new assessment confirmed March 21st, 1878:

Assessment paid June 2d, 1874	$754 74
Interest	20 31
Total amount paid	$775 05
Amount of new assessment	$486 00

STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT.

Total amount paid		$775 05
Amount of new assessment	$486 00	
Deduct proportion of interest	13 07	499 07
Balance being amount overpaid		275 98
Interest from June 2, 1874 to July 4, 1878, at 7 per cent. for 4 years 1 month 2 days		78 99
Interest from July 4, 1878, to October 17, 1879, at 6 per cent. for 1 year 3 months 13 days		21 40
Total amount due petitioner		376 37

Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT,
Corporation Counsel.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

JERSEY CITY, Oct. 17, 1879.
Petition No. 58.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—On petition of M. C. Gerrau, improvement main sewer Ninth Ward, assessment on Lots 5, 6 7, Block 530, original assessment confirmed Feb. 16, 1875, new assessment confirmed Feb. 19, 1879:

Assessment paid March 19, 1875	$123 90
Interest	
Total amount paid	123 90
Amount of new assessment	80 00

STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT.

Total amount paid	123 90
New assessment	80 00
Balance being amount overpaid	43 90
Interest from March 19, 1875, to July 4, 1878, at 7 per cent., 2 years, 3 months, 15 days	7 04
Interest from July 4th, 1878, to Oct. 17, 1879, at 6 per cent. 1 year 3 months, 13 days	3 40
Total amount due petitioner	$54 34

Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, C. C.

Opinion of the Corporation Council:

Jersey City, Oct. 17, 1879.
Petition No. 84.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—On petition of M. C. Gerrau, improvement of Oakland avenue graded from Hoboken avenue to Newark avenue and flagging, paving and curbing same; assessment on lot 5, block 530. Original assessment confirmed October 29th, 1874. New assessment confirmed September 18th, 1878.

Assessment paid November 30th, 1874	124 38
Amount of new assessment	$71 00

STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT.

Total amount paid	124 38
New assessment	71 00
Balance being amount overpaid	$53 38

Interest from Nov. 30th, 1874 to July 4, 1878, at 7 per cent. 3 years, 7 months, 4 days..... 13 39
Interest from July 4th, 1878 to Oct. 17th, 1879, at 6 per cent. 1 year, 3 months, 13 days..... 4 14

Total amount due petitioner..... $70 91
Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, C. C.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 17, 1879.

Petition No. 133.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—On petition of Martin V. B. Clark, improvement main sewer Third Ward, assessment on lots 48 and 47, block 775:

Original assessment confirmed February 3, 1875. New assessment confirmed February 19, 1879.

Assessment paid October 25, 1875..... $358 54
Interest..... 21 05

Total amount paid..... $379 59
Amount of new assessment, $330.

STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT.

Total amount paid..... $379 59
New assessment.....$330 00
Deduct proportion of interest... 9 58— 349 58

Balance being amount overpaid..... $30 01
Interest from Oct. 25, 875, to July 4, 1878, at 7 per cent., 2 years, 8 months, 9 days 5 65
Interest from July 4, 1878, to Oct. 17, 1879, at 6 per cent., 1 year, 3 months, 13 days 2 31

Total amount due petitioner..... $37 97
Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, Corp. Counsel.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 17, 1879.

Petition No. 119.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—On petition of George R. Lawrence on improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plankroad; assessment on lot 3, block 229. Original assessment confirmed May 26, 1873; new assessment confirmed October 8, 1878:

Assessment paid April 22d, 1874..... $458 21
Interest..... 58 86

Total amount paid..... $517 07
Amount of new assessment.....$350

STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT.

Total amount paid..... $517 06
New assessment.....$350 00
Deduct proportion of interest.. 44 72 294 72

Balance being amount overpaid..... $122 35
Interest from April 22d, 1874, to July 4th, 1878, at 7 per cent., 4 years, 3 months, 12 days..... 36 68
Interest from July 4th, 1878, to October 17th, 1879, at 6 per cent., 1 year, 3 months, 13 days..... 9 48

Total amount due petitioner..... $168 51
Respectfully submited,
LEON ABBETT,
Corporation Counsel.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jertey City, Oct. 17th, 1879.

Petition No. 120.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation, of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—On petition of G. R. Lawrence, improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plank road, assessment on lot 29 and 23, block 228; original assessment confirmed May 26th, 1873, new assessment confirmed October 18th, 1878:

Assessment paid January 26th 1878. .. $394 07
Interest..... 131 47

Total amount paid..... $525 54
Amount of new assessment.....$160 00

STATEMENT FOR PAYMENT.

Total amount paid..... $525 54
New assessment $160 00
Deduct proportion of interest.. 53 37 213 37

Balance being amount overpaid..... $312 17
Interest from January 26th, 1878, to July 4th, 1878 at 7 per cent. 2 years, 6 months, 8 days..... 53 58
Interest from July 4th, 1878, to October 17th, 1879, at 6 per cent. 1 year, 3 months, 13 days 24 20

Total amount due petitioner.... ... $339 95
Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

All of the above opinions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 17th 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation, Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to you petitions of E. S. Wells and Louis Heller for differences between old and new assessments referred to me for my opinion. Mr. Wells was assessed for the paving of Hudson avenue and Mr. Heller was assessed for the opening and widening of Montgomery street. Both of the above gentlemen paid the assessments.

These assessments were set aside by the Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments appointed by the Supreme Court, under the act of March 26th, 1873. Under the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals in the case of Edwards, plaintiff, in error vs. Jersey City, the petitioners cannot recover the difference between the old and new assessments as against the city.

Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, C.C. of J. C.

The opinion was received, orderd filed and the petitioners notified.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 22, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jessey City:

Gentlemen—The resolution of the Board of Aldermen requesting your Board to direct the Corporation attorney to bring a suit to test the rights of the city to the end of the streets running towards the Hudson River, by an action of ejectment against the corporation and parties occupying the river front of Sussex street east of Hudson street has been referred to me. The proper way to test the rights of the city would be by an action of ejectment such as is suggested by the Board of Aldermen. I am of the opinion that such a suit for the lands above referred to would successful unless interfered with by adverse legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, C. C.

The opinion was received, placed on file and the Corporation Counsel directed to begin suit immediately.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles, Chief Engineer, for the ensuing year at a salary of $2 000 and requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required was received and laid on the table.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance.

1. Requesting transfer of $4,700 from Engineering Bureau to Committee on Streets and Sewers to reconstruct the streets paved with Belgian block pavement

2. Requesting transfer of $375 from Engineering Bureau to the appropriation for the new Oakland avenue Police Station.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Making certain awards for property taken and damages sustained in the opening and changing as to the boundaries of Ocean avenue.

2. Authorizing the Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for proposals for

furnishing and delivering 500 lengths of 4-inch cast iron water pipe.

3 Ordering paid certain claims.

A resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding the resolution presented Sept 4, 1879, requesting transfer of $5,500 from Engineering Bureau to Committee on Streets and Sewers, was received and ordered filed.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

The Clerk notified the Board that he had received from the Assessors of the several districts of Jersey City their books containing all taxes assessed in Jersey City for the year 1879, in connection therewith Mr. Taussig offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City in their several districts for the year 1879, transcripts of which have been filed with the Clerk of this Board be and are hereby confirmed and the Clerk is hereby directed to deliver said transcripts to the City Collector for collection.

By Mr. Drohan:

Moved and carried that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Assessors of the several districts for the very neat manner in which their books are written.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported verbally on the resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $5 500 from the appropriation for the Engineering Bureau to the Committee on Streets and Sewers, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The same committee reported on claim of H. L. R. Van Dycke, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $7 be paid to H. L. R Van Dycke for testimony taken in cases against the city, to wit, Simpson et als and Jones et als vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on petition of M. C. Gerran for the return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That two warrants be ordered drawn, one for $70 91 and one for $54 34, in favor of M. C. Gerran to pay for difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Oakland avenue grading, from Hoboken avenue to Newark avenue, and flagging, paving and curbing same; also for main sewer, Ninth Ward; for lot 5, block 530, on first improvement and lots 5, 6 and 7, block 530, on second improvement, the warrants only to be used to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on petition of George Stratford for the return of difference between the old and new assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn, one for $509 40 and one for $376 37, in favor of Geo. Stratford to pay for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of Palisade avenue, now Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford street, for lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 286, and lots 12 to 17, inclusive, block 418, the warrants only to be used to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on petition of Martin V. B. Clarke for the return of difference between the old and new assessment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Martin V. B. Clark for the sum of $37 97 to pay for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of "main sewer Third ward," for lots 47 and 48, block 775, the warrants only to be used to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, the reports of the committee was received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting tranfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $375 from the appropriation for Engineering Bureau to the appropriation for the new Oakland avenue police station for the year 1878-79 for the purpose of completing the same.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig:

Nay—Mr. Smith.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 7th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for furnishing, delivering and erecting at the High Service Pumping Station one compound condensing pumping engine with two boilers with all the appendages complete, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Board, be and is hereby awarded to H. R. Wortbington at the price named in his proposal viz: Twelve thousand eight hundred and fifty ($12,850) dollars, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 21st, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 23d day of September, 1879, the Commissionioners of Assessments and W. W. Ruggles filed in the office of the Clerk of this Board a report and map in the matter of the opening and changing as to boundaries of Ocean avenue, between the northerly line of the property of Stephen B. Vreeland and Avenue "C;" and

Whereas, On the 20th day of October, 1879, this Board met to hear and consider all objection f to said report and map or the improvement therein referred to, which should be presented in writing; and

Whereas, No objections were presented, alleged or known against the same; therefore

Resolved, That this Board hereby determine to make said improvement; and further

Resolved, That the awards as set forth in the said preliminary assessment map and report be and are hereby confirmed, and be it further

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the following sums be paid to the following named persons to whom the awards were made for real estate taken and damages sustained in making said improvement and where the Commissioners have reported the names or estates of the owners as unknown the award on account of such plot shall be paid to the owners thereof when and as their interests may appear to wit.

Name, unknown, Commissioners No. 2. Plot between Bergen Point plank road, Old Bergen road and south line of S. B. Vreeland's property, $92 63.

Name, unknown, Commissioners No. 3. Plot between Bergen Point plank road, Old Bergen road and south line of Atlantic avenue, $77 15.

Resolved, That in all cases where the amount of the assessment exceeds the award to the same person no payment shall be made to such person on account of such award, but the award shall be cancelled and only the excess of said assessment over said award shall be a lien and all of the assessment except such excess shall be cancelled.

Resolved, That in all cases where the amount of the award equals or exceeds the assessment to the same person that the said assessment shall be cancelled and only the excess of the

award over the assessment paid to such person, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation. The same committee reported on petition of Wm. B. Van Vorst recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $26 71 be paid to Wm. B. Van Vorst to refund amount paid September 10, 1875, in redemption of lots 1 to 16 Montgomery street, block 13, from sale of June 14, 1860 for taxes of 1859, and that the sum of $5 52 be paid to Wm. B. Van Vorst to refund amount paid September 10, 1875, in redemption of lot 5, Montgomery street, block 13, from sale of September 6, 1861, for taxes of 1860, and that the sum of $ 36 be paid to Wm. B. Van Vorst to refund amount paid September 10, 1875, in redemption of lot 5, Montgomery street, block 13 from sale of August 7, 1862, of taxes of 1861, the declarations of sale issued by the city in each case being in the possession of the owner of the property at the time of redemption, but mislaid and being subsequently found were, in March, 1878, surrendered to the City Clerk and cancelled by said officer and are now on file in his office.

The same committee reported verbally on the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works fixing the compensation of the Chief Engineer at $2,000 per annum, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of Phillip E. Martin:

Resolved, That the sum of $40 23 be paid to Phillip E. Martin for putting up and repairing stoves in the City Hall.

On claim of Charles G. Clarke, Jr.:

Resolved, That the sum of $87 93 be paid to Charles S. Clarke, Jr., for stationery furnished the City Collector October 23. 1879.

On claim of H. A. Greene:

Resolved, That the sum of $172 86 be paid to H. A. Greene for postage stamps furnished City Collector and Mayor.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $220 be paid to The Argus for printing tax bills and manuals, pages 52 to 57.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles, Chief Engineer, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Drohan:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 21st, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation W. W. Ruggles be and is hereby appointed Chief Engineer for the ensuing year at a salary of $2,000 per annum and that the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to fix the amount of bonds required, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig;

Resolved, That hereafter any city Board requesting the transfer of money from one account to another shall send to this Board with the request for transfer a certificate of the Comptroller, stating the unexpended balance in the account from which the transfer is to be made, and also a certificate from the Clerk of such city Board stating the amount that will remain in the appropriation after the payment of all indebtedness up to date chargeable against such appropriation, and the different Boards of the city be notified.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for November, 1879:

On general account	$31,290
On assessment account	14,910
" " "	85,000
" " "	85 000
" water "	31,395

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet Tuesday, October 28th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Tuesday, October 28th, 1879, at eight o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were laid over for approval at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Petition of William J. Smith for return of difference between the old and new assessment.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

1. Appointment of Myles F. McCartin as Water Registrar, to fill the unexpired term of the late Water Registrar, at a salary of $1,600 per annum, and requesting the Board of Finance ane Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required.

2. Appointment of Francis P. Woodcock as Assistant Water Registrar, Committee Clerk and Permit Clerk, at a salary of $1,000 per annum, and requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required.

3. Appointment of Samuel B. Dougherty as Inspector for 30 days on putting up steam pump at the High Service Station, at a salary of $5 per day.

Appointment of George T. Bouton as Assistant Clerk, at a salary of $60 per month.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Mullins and Smith.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 30, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting held October 23, 1879, and the regular adjourned meeting held October 28, 1879, was dispensed with and were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Samuel Hetherington and William Robertson for return of difference between the old and new assessment. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Frank S. Clark, Attorney, requesting payment of certain judgments recovered against the city in the cases of Alexander Bonnell and Thomas J. Pope, amounting to sixty-six dollars and twenty-four cents. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Myles F. McCartin as Water Registrar in the sum of $50,000, with Mary Ann McCartin, Henry M. Traphagen and Samuel Hetherington as sureties.

Official Bond of Francis P. Woodcock as Committee Clerk, Permit Clerk rnd Assistant Water Registrar in the sum of $10,000 with Henry O'Neill. Edward N. Wilson, Orestes Cleveland and Patrick Anglessey as sureties.

Both of the above bonds were laid on the table.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, October 23 to 29, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	$70,713 10
Assessment account, total	452 72
Water account, total	6,458 95
Sinking fund, 1873, total	113 03
" " 1876, total	44 86

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account	
" " Assessment account	
" " Water account	$217,563 58
" " Sinking Fund, 1873	
" " " 1876	

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from John J. Toffey, Sheriff of Hudson county, stating that he held an execution against the city in the suit of Wm. Atcheson for $4,230 45, and requesting immediate attention in the matter. The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

On petition of John Peer for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending that a warrant be drawn in his favor for the sum of $268 53, being amount of said difference with interest thereon from June 23, 1876, to October 27, 1879.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel;

On petition of Thomas J. Pope for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending that a warrant be drawn in his favor for the sum of $241 26, being amount of said difference with interest thereon from April 10, 1874, to October 30, 1879.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

On petition of Alexander Bonnell for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending that a warrant be drawn in his favor for the sum of $654 53, being amount of said difference with interest thereon from April 11, 1874, to October 30, 1879.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

On petition of Benjamin Wilhelm, Jr., for return of difference between the old and new assessment, reporting that he found due to said petitioner the sum of $47 30, being amount of said difference with interest thereon from September 3, 1874, to October 30, 1879.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

On petition of Samuel Dewey for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending that a warrant be drawn in his favor for the sum of $1,240 31, being amount of said difference, with interest thereon from July 23d, 1875, to October 29th, 1879.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel.

On petition of Frances A. Brown for return of difference between the old and new assessment recommending that a warrant be drawn in her favor for the sum of $260 82, being amount of said difference, with interest thereon from July 4, 1874, to October 29, 1879.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel.

On petition of E. M. Wilson for return of difference between the old and new assessment recommending that a warrant be drawn in his favor for the sum of $496 83, being amount of said difference with interest thereon from Dec. 1, 1876, to Oct. 30, 1879.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of James Desmond for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending that a warrant be drawn in his favor for the sum of $265 88, being amount of said difference with interest thereon from Jan. 9th, 1875, to October 30th, 1879. All of the above opinions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 28th, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of Hugh McDermott for the payment of $8,750 for publishing the minutes of the different City Boards from May 29th, 1874, up to May 1st, 1877, being at the rate of $250 per month, has been presented to me for my opinion. I have had also submitted to me by Job Lippincott, Esq., attorney for Mr. McDermott, a very able and elaborate brief reviewing the proceedings and stating the views of the claimant and of counsel as to the legal status of this matter.

I have carefully considered the petition and the views of counsel and the act under which the claim is made. The act is entitled, "An act relating to the publication of the minutes and proceedings of the several municipal Boards of the cities of this State," approved February 21st, 1879, Independent of any other objection which might be raised to this act, it seems to me that the proviso that "this act shall not apply except in cities of this State having over fifty thousand inhabitants at the last State census," is fatal to it, and that this proviso, together with the body of the act is unconstitutional as a specification and not a classification under the decision of the Supreme Court, rendered by Justice Scudder in reference to the law attempting to create Board of Excise in Jersey City.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 30, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—The petition of W. W. Wood (per Frank C Hollins, agent) for difference between the old assessment for sewer in Ninth street as per annexed bill on Plot 16, Block 322, and the new assessment on said lot has been referred to me, The city Collector's certificates says that there has been no reassessment, and I therefore advise that Mr. Hollins, agent, &c., be so notified. Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and petitioner to be notified.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 28, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—The petitions of Mrs. Melissa Clark (Frank L. Clark attorney) and Babl Kellers (Wm. P. Douglass attorney) asking for return of differences between old and new assessment have been referred to me for my opinion. Mrs. Clark paid the following assessments: Sewer in Bergen Point Plank Road, Colden place to Sherman street $33, paid Dec 3, 1872, sewer in Bergen Point Plank Road, Colden place to Sherman street, $62 79 paid October 1872, improvement of West

Grand street, pile foundation, &c., $87 62 paid October 18th, 187. Mr. Kellers paid on on January 22d, 1872 the sum of nine hundred and sixty-six dollars and forty-two cents for the improvement of Hudson and Storm avenue.

All of the above assessments were set aside by the Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments appointed by the Supreme Court under the act of March 28th, 1873.

In the case of Edwards, plaintiffs in error vs Jersey City, decided by the Court of Errors and Appeals, March Term, 1878, (Vroom, page 176) it was held that the Commissioners appointed under the act of March 26th, 1873, had no right to revise the assessment of one who had paid his assessment before the passage of said act, unpaid assessments only were within the act. The payments are also six years ago and the statue of limitations applies under the above decision, I recommend that you refuse to grant the prayers of your petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C.

The opinion was received, and the petitioners to be notified.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Oct. 30th, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of Mr. Peter Dean asking for return of difference between old and new reassessment has been referred to me for my opinion. Mr. Dean paid August 14, 1871, $300 on account of assessment for paving of Hudson avenue and the balance ($40 32) August 28, 1871, making a total amount paid $340 32. The above assessment was set aside by the Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments, appointed by the Supreme Court under the act of March 26, 1873. In the case of Edwards, plaintiff in error, vs. Jersey City, decided by the Court of Errors and Appeals March term, 1878, (11 Vroom, 176,) it was held that the Commissioners appointed under the act of March 26, 1873, had no right to revise the assessment of one who had paid his assessment before the passage of said act; unpaid assessments only were within the act The payments are also over six years and the statute of limitations applies. Under the above decision I recommend that you refuse the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corp. Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the petitioner to be notified.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a further appropriation of two thousand dollars for the relief of the out-door poor. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for building a gate house, screen house and bridge from screen house to the bank at reservoir No. 3.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

A resolution was received from the Board of Public Works rescinding resolution presented October 28, 1879, authorizing the Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering 500 lengths of 4-inch cast iron water pipe.

In connection therewith Mr. Smith presented the original resolution recommending that both be placed on file.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

A communication was received from the City Collector, nominating for approval Patrick H. O'Neill as messenger to the City Collector.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

In connection with the above communication Mr. Drohan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Patrick H. O'Neill be and he is hereby appointed by this Board to act as messenger to the City Collector, at a salary of sixty dollars per month, term of office to begin November 1st, and to hold at the will of the Board.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petition of E. N. Wilson for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. N. Wilson for the sum of $496 83, to pay off difference between old and new assessment for the "paving, curbing, flagging, &c., of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road and grading the same" on lots 64, 66, 68 and 70, block 554, the warrant only to be used in paying taxes, assessments, or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on petition of James Desmond for return of difference between old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of James Desmond for the sum of $265 88 to pay for difference between the old and new assessment for the flagging, paving and curbing and grading intersections of Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes, assessments, or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on petition of Frances A. Brown for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frances A. Brown for the sum of $260 32, to pay for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue), from Grand to Crawford streets, for lots 11 & 13 block 291, the warrant only to be used to pay taxes, assessments, or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on petition of George R. Lawrence for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn in favor of William G. Bumsted, attorney for George R. Lawrence, one for the sum of $389 95 and the other for $168 51, the first to pay for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plankroad, on lots 28 and 29 block 228; the latter for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plankroad on lots 3, block 229, the warrants only to be used to pay taxes on assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on petition of Benjamin F. Wilhelm, Jr., for return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Benjamin F. Welhelm, Jr., for the sum of $47 30 to pay for the improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lots 9 and 10, block 414, the warrants to be used only in paying taxes, assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 28, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Myles F. McCartin be and is hereby appointed Water Registrar to fill the unexpired term of office of the late Water Registrar at a salary of $1,600 per annum, and that the Board of Finance and Taxation be and is hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds required, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation; and be it further

Resolved, That the bond of said official be and is hereby fixed at the sum of $50,000.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Oct. 28, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation F. P. Woodcock be and is hereby appointed Permit Clerk. Committee Clerk and assistant Water Registrar at a salary of $1,000 per annum, and that the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to fix the amount of bonds required be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation. and be it further

Resolved, That the bond of said official be and is hereby fixed at the sum of $10,000.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Oct. 28, 1879, to wit:

Resolved. That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, George T. Bouton be and is hereby appointed assistant to the clerk of this Board at a salary of $60 per month be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved. That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Oct. 28, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation Samuel B Dougherty be and is hereby appointed inspector for 30 days on putting up engine and boilers at high service station at a salary of $5 per day be and is hereby now concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a further appropriation for the out-door poor, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved. That the sum of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the relief of the out-door poor, under "an act to provide for the relief of the poor," approved March 14th, 1877, and that a bond be ordered drawn for said amount, to be signed by the Mayor, sealed and attested by the City Clerk and the said amount of one thousand dollars be borrowed and raised on said bond, the said sum of money being provided for in the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

The same committee reported on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney, recommending that it be referred back to the Corporation Counsel for correction.

The same committee reported on communication from John J. Toffey, Sheriff of Hudson County, in reference to a certain judgment obtained by Wm. Atcheson vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above reports they were received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Taussing and carried.

Moved that the official bond of Myles F. McCartin as Water Registrar and Francis P. Woodcock as Assistant Water Registrar, &c., be taken from the table.

By Mr. Taussig and carried:

Moved, That the bonds of Myles F. McCartin and Francis P. Woodcock be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported on the bond of Myles F. McCartin as Water Registrar, recommending that the same be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported on the bond of Francis P. Woodcock, assistant Water Registrar, &c., recommending that the same be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports of the committee were received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of October, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of October, 1879, when due, viz: Henry J. Hooper, mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, city treasurer. $200; Samuel C. Nelson, city comptroller, $200; James H. Love, city collector, $200; Leon Abbett, corporation counsel, $333 33; Allan L. McDermott, corporation attorney, $125; William Stevens, clerk to comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., clerk to treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, assistant collector, $100; clerks to city collector, James T. Grady, $60; S. D. Dickinson, $60; Seneca Barker, $60; Louis E. Smith, $60; John T. M. Kaylar, $60; Charles Kerbs, $60; James E. Connolly, $60; John Kennedy, $50; William H. Powell, marshal 2d District Court, $50; Thos. K. Halstead, clerk to city clerk, $60; N. E. Feury, clerk to city clerk, $60; A. L. Sears, clerk to the city clerk and mayor, $60; Michael Kilcauley, assessor 1st district, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, assessor 2d district, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, assessor 3d district, $108 33; Martin Logan, assessor 4th district, $108 33; John M. Park, assessor 5th district, $108 33; James C. Clarke, assessor 6th district, $108 33; The Argus, printing minutes, $298 33; The Evening Journal Association, printing minutes, $208 33; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in city hall. $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in city hall, $25.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution the report of Committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MICELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty dollars be paid to Walter Kissam for services rendered by him for the city in the City Comptroller's office during the month of October, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 6th, 1879, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John H. Newton for return of money paid in error on water rents. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of George Och requesting the Board to direct the City Collector to receive in part payment of certain taxes an improvement certificate issued to Wm. T. Ard by the Board of Public Works. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions were received from H. Rolff, Mary J. Buckley, Eliza A. Williams, Andrew Flatley, Maria Thompson, Mrs. A. D. Brown, John McMahon, Samuel Hetherington, John Pringe, Samuel D Tompkins, Willam Caldwell, Matthew Forster, all of which were referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Frank L. Clark requesting payment of $33 38, being amount of costs in a judgment reversed against the city by Charles N. Betts. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Clerk for warrant books. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " assessment account		
" " water account,....	}	$85,599 89
" " sinking fund, 1873..		
" " sinking fund, 1876..		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, October 30th to November 5th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total.	$81,821 83
Assessment account, total.....	271 02
Water account, total..... .	3,053 92
Sinking fund, 1873, total..... .	352 78
" " 1876, total.....	270 77

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of Avena Steenken reporting that there is due him as difference between the old and reassessment for the flagging, paving, curbing, &c., of Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road and grading the same, the sum of $145 28.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of H. Gelien, reporting that there is due him as difference between the old and reassessment for the flagging, curbing, paving and grading Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road, and grading the same, the sum of $56 84.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of Joseph B. Stone reporting that there is due him for improvement of Brinkerhoff street, from Bergen avenue to Crescent avenue, the sum of $373 53.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of Charles N. Betts (F. L. Clark, attorney), reporting that there is due him for improvement of Palisade avenue, now Summit avenue, from Crawford to Grand street, the sum of $213 76.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of William B. Conklin reporting that there is due him as difference between old and reassessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Waverly street, the sum of thirty-nine 2-100 dollars.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of J. J. Siefke reporting that there is due him as difference between the old and reassessment for improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford street the sum of three hundred and eighty-nine 42-100 dollars;

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of William Graham reporting that there is due him as difference between the old and reassessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Waverly street, the sum of thirty-eight 97-100 dollars.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of J. D. Weltz, reporting that there is due him as difference between the old and reassessment for flagging, paving, grading, &c., intersections of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue, the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven 81 100 dollars.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of J. K. Bunn, reporting that there is due to him as difference between the old and reassessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue from Grand to Crowford street, the sum of three hundred and eight 39-100 dollars.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel on petition of Charles Wadlow reporting that there is due to him as difference between the old and reassessment for the improvement of Sherman avenue from South to North street, the sum of seventy-one 54-100 dollars.

All of the above communications were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Opinion from the Corporation Counsel;

Jersey City, Nov. 4th, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of William P. Bleeker, Joseph Hurley, Patrick O'Connor and Thomas W. James for return of difference between old and reassessment, have been referred to me for my opinion. Wm. P. Bleeker paid an assessment for opening of Harrison avenue, from Bergen avenue to West Side avenue, amounting to $331 87, on January 13th, 1872.

Joseph Hurley paid an assessment for sewerage in First Drainage District, amounting to $219 24, on January 11th, 1871.

Patrick O'Connor paid an assessment for paving Hudson avenue, amounting to $179 59 on December 29th, 1871.

Thomas James paid three assessments, one for improvement of main sewer in First Drainage District of Jersey City for $412 88, paid February 2d, 1872.

Another for improvement of West Grand street pile foundation for $36 44, paid May 1st, 1872.

Another for lateral sewer in Clerk street for $205 52, paid February 9th, 1872.

All of the above assessments were set aside by the Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments appointed by the Supreme Court under the act of March 26th, 1873.

In the case of Edwards, plaintiff in error vs. Jersey City, decided by the Court of Errors and Appeals March Term, 1878, it was held that the "Commissioners appointed under the act of March 26th, 1873, had no right to revise the assessments of one who had already paid his assessment; before the passage of said act unpaid assessments only were within the act. The payments are also over six years, and the statues of limitations applies.

Under the above decision I recommend that you refuse to grant the prayers of your petitioners.

The petition of Thomas W. James above referred has attached thereto five assessment bills for improvements, three of which have been set aside by the Board of Finance and Taxation, I hold to await the decision of the case of Green, executor, &c., of W. B. Ogden vs. Jersey City, now before Judge Knapp in the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the petitioners notified.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners with the report of the special committee appointed to report a plan to reduce the expenditures of the Board of Fire Commissioners to conform with the appropriation made for the ensuing fiscal year.

The communication and report were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of

Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles Chief Engineer, at a salary of $2,000 per annum, and requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims, was received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

The Committee on Finance reported on claim of Henry Traphagen for taxed costs, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Attorney.

On motion the report was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on petitions of William P. Bleeker, Joseph Hurley, Patrick O'Connor and Thomas W. James, together with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel thereon recommending that the several petitions be refused, the Corporation Counsel having so advised; and the petitioners be notified.

On motion the report was received and the recommendations adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on petitions of John D. Weltz, William Graham, John K. Bunn, J. J. Siefkie, Samuel Dewey, C. Hajemeyer, Alexander Bonnell and H. Gellen, together with the communications from the Corporation Counsel on each recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Francis P. Woodcock, agent for John D. Weltz, for the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven 81-100 dollars to pay for differences between the old and new assessment "for flagging, paving, grading, &c., intersections of Palisade avenue" on lots 79, 81, 83 and 85, block 551-704. The warrant to be used only in paying taxes, assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frank L. Clark, attorney for Alexander Bonnell, for the sum of six hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty-five cents, being amount of a certain judgment obtained in the Hudson County Circuit Court in favor of Alexander Bonnell against the city for the difference between the old and the new assessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue) from Grand to Crawford streets, said warrant only to be used for the payment of taxes and assessments or to purchase bonds, the warrant to be delivered on receipt of a satisfaction piece approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Francis P. Woodcock, agent for J. J. Siefkel, for the sum of three hundred and eighty-nine dollars and forty-two cents, to pay for difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue) from Grand to Crawford streets, on lots 8 to 12 inclusive, block 286, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes on assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Francis P. Woodcock, agent for C. Hagemeyer, for the sum of sixty-seven 01-100 dollars, being the amount of difference between the old and new assessment for flagging, curbing paving, &c., intersections of Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road, and grading the same, on lots 109 and 111, block 551-704, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Collins & Corbin, attorneys for Samuel Dewey for the sum of $1,240 31, that being the difference between the old and the new reassessment for the paving of Bergen avenue, from Vroom street to the New Jersey Railroad, on lots 17 and 18, block 124, said warrant to be used only for the payment of taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn in favor of Francis P Woodcock, agent for Jacob K. Bunn, one for the sum of two hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment, for the improvement of Palisade (now Summit avenue) from Grand to Crawford streets, on lots known as parts of 2 and 3, block 290, the other for the sum of eighty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents, being the difference between the old and the new assessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit) from Grand to Crawford streets, on lots part of 3, block 290, the said warrants only to be used for the payment of taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of William Graham for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and ninety-seven cents, to pay for difference between the old and the new assessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Waverly street, on lot No. 19, block 706, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes, assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Francis P. Woodcock, agent for H. Gellen, for the sum of fifty-six dollars and eighty-four cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for grading Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road, on lots parts of 89 and 91, block 551 704, and for flagging, curbing, paving and grading intersections of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road, on same lots, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds

The same committee reported on claim of Frank L. Clark for taxed costs recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frank L. Clark, Attorney, for the sum of sixty 24-100, being the amount of taxed costs in two cases against the city, one in favor of Alexander Bonnell and the other in favor of Thomas J. Pope.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the several reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on the petition of George Och to be allowed to pay taxes with an improvement certificate, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted inasmuch as the law contemplates the payment of improvement certificates by the sale or disposal of assessment bonds.

On motion the report was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 7th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $2 be paid to John Connel for clover; $113 40 to Myles Tierney for Belgian blocks; $16 50 to L. Collett, agent, for blacksmith work; $3 25 to Freie Presse for advertising notice to sewer refuse men; $15 45 to Claus Prigge for feed; $15 90 to Jersey City Paper Co. for cinders; $110 58 to Wm. B. McDonald for labor and materials at High Service; $75 to D. P. Lenahan for painting granite work at Reservoir No. 3; $3 85 to Freie Presse for advertising notice to steam pump men; $8 25 to H. R. Worthington for valve stems; $400 to Geo. W. Heritage for painting at High Service; $110 to Thomas Sheridan for carting iron pipe; $15 to H. A. Greene for postage stamps; $190 to H. R. Worthington for water meters; $7 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice for reassessment for improvement of Old Bergen road between New Bergen road and Thompson avenue; $9 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice of opening of Ocean avenue, between the property of S. B. Vreeland and Avenue C, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 23d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $80 be paid to Bliven & Carrington for cylinder oil; $46 72 to Steele & Condict for bolts and screws; $481 90 to Steele & Condict for check valve, &c.; $32 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $2 05 to Charles Boltwood for hardware; $26 to James Coleman for horse shoeing; $100 50

to John S. Edwards for hardware: $239 73 to Warner & Carscallen for feed; $4 20 to Steele & Condict for turning brass cocks; $56 01 to Chas. Boltwood for packing, &c., $41 62 to Charles Boltwood for nails, &c.; $30 25 to John Lynch for blacksmith work; $30 70 to Andy Burke for sharpening drills, &c.; $65 35 to Owen Wade for sharpening tools; $70 50 to Daniel F. Buckley for labor and material at pipe yard; $29 50 to The Argus for envelopes, &c.; $38 25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $441 to National Metre Co. for metres: $2 65 to the Freie Presse for advertising notice to plumbers, gas and steam fitters for school house No. 21; $34 to The Argus for binding manuals; $11 28 to John J. Corbett for stationery $12 75 and $9 50 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $7 25 to the New Jersey Freie Presse for advertising notice for improvement of old Bergen road between new Bergen road and Thompson avenue, $13 35 and $5 to H. A. Greene for postage stamps for Engineering Bureau, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 23, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $3 60 be paid to J. V. Condon for altering head for manhole; $44 to Sherry & Duggan for horse shoeing, $1 25 to J. C. Gas Light Co. for gas at stable; $16 to J.L. McGimpsey for posting notices; $9 10 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notice for steam pump; $39 40 to Jas. R. Sayre, Jr., & Co. for brick, lime, &c., for Belleville; $63 25 to Burke Bros. for cutting granite; $24 18 to John Conlin for feed at Belleville; $34 50 to J. H. Campbell for oil tank, &c.; $4 40 to J. H. Campbell for ladder; $37 75 to Burke Bros. for cutting granite; $95 91 to H. R. Worthington for water valve and piston springs; $14 49 to Philip E. Martin for plumbing work; $35 to Owen Wade for sharpening tools; $37 50 to John Lynch for horse shoeing; $3 80 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notice of sewer emptying into Pennsylvania Railroad cut; $7 80 to Evening Journal Association for advertising carting sewer refuse; $54 to Jersey City Gas Light Company for gas in office; $55 40 to W. F. St. George for painting roof and gutter of stable in Wayne street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 14, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $7 50 be paid to W. E J. Saunders for care of horses, 1877-78; $43 31 to J. Muldoon for blacksmith work; $22 73 to R. C. Blackwell for drugs; $49 23 to Haines & Hallock for shovels, &c.; $23 33 to Stryker & Runyon for feed; $53 65 to Cooley & Lampson for repairing wagon, &c.; $238 39 to Warner & Carscallen for feed $43 55 to John A. Vill for repairing harness, &c.; $31 43 to Claus Prigge for feed: $39 10 to Cooley & Lampson for repairing wagon &c., Engineering Bureau; $28 to Cooley & Lampson for repairing wagon, &c., Engineering Bureau; $96 19 to Steele & Condict for pipes, castings, &c.; $44 28 to Stryker & Runyon, feed for Belleville; $25 27 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $7 50 to Steele & Condict for turning cocks, &c.; $3 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice for sewer in Ogden avenue, from Franklin street to Ferry street; $8 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice for improvement of old Bergen road, between new Bergen road and Thompson avenue, $350 to H. V. Sloat & Bro. for furnishing and driving piles at the end of Morgan street dock, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Oct. 21, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $12 be paid to Patrick Killen for horse shoeing; $20 77 to John Brennan for Belgian blocks; $11 75 to J. Dixon Crucible Co. for axle grease; $29 to Hodgman & Co. for rubber boots; $69 65 to C. J. Winant for sand; $10 40 to the Argus for advertising notice to pump makers; $12 60 to F.W. Moller for emptying privy at high service; $8 60 to Charles Boltwood for powder, &c.; $28 30 and $31 84 to Charles Boltwood for hardware: $136 08 to Michael Courain for tin roofing at pipe yard; $133 to Joseph Boyd for painting; $45 to Spellman & Brush for correcting maps; $441 to National Meter Co. for meters; $126 46 to John English for tinning gutter and cornice on stable, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 30th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $2 50 be paid to P. Ryan for blacksmith work; $4 16 to Vanderbeek & Son for spruce timber; $20 to William P. Morris for repairs to telegraph lines $28 06 to J. H. Campbell for labor and materials at high service; $51 35 to J. H. Campbell for hardware; $77 70 to William B. McDonald for labor and materials at high service; $225 to Jas. Wilson for one horse; $7 10 to Hudson Ice Co. for ice; $3 to M. T. Maloney for plumbing work; $33 99 to Davenport, Osthout & Treacy for pipes and sleeves; $215 84 to J. F. McCoy for pig lead; $36 87 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, &c; $26 80 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed for pipe yard; $15 to J. C. Gas Light Co. for service pipe for armory; $30 37 to Hudson Ice Co. for ice for office; $6 to H. A. Greene for postage stamps, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Sept. 9, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $31 25 be paid to Hugh Leslie for labor on boilers at high service; $12 to John B. Collins for battery zincs; $7 95 to Charles Ormsby for plumbing work; $76 75 to M. Farley for work on wagons; $352 66 to Daniel F. Buckley for labor and materials at pipe yard; $286 20 to Michael Fitzpatrick for sleeves; $25 50 to C. Scott for work for Engineering Bureau; $33 76 to Charles Scott for work at stable in Wayne street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works October 21, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $38, $37, $51 70, $53 be paid to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery for engineering bureau; $22 50 to J. N. Bancroft for stationery; $35 87 to C C Chamberlain for boxes; $16, $19 90 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery, $55 50 to the Argus for advertising and posters; $17 50, $23 10, $7 80, $38 50 to The Argus for advertising, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 16, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $52 90 be paid to Robert Muirhead for stone, $115 16 to Washburne & Bro. for brick and cement; $43 87 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $50 to F. H. Spengemen for rent of stable for June, July and August; $25, $5, $5, to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices; $124 20 to C. A. Woolsey for wheelbarrows, &c.; $17 13 to C. A. Woolsey for oil, &c; $16 48 to C. A. Woolsey for rope, &c; $6 50 to The Argus for advertising; $300 to M. Farley for one wagon; $88 57 to J. F. Maxwell & Co. for feed for pipe yard; $30 60 to Philip E. Martin for plumbing work; $19 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notice; $8 25 to McAvoy Bros. for stationery; $6 50 to The Argus for advertising notice; $10 50 to Ellen Langton for towels; $9 to H. J Calio for insurance; $44, $39, $15 to The Argus for advertising; $33 50 to The Argus for advertising; $52 50, $60, $12 50, $40 and $35 to Evening Journal Association for advertising, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Sept. 2. 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $3 50 be paid to the J. C. Herald for advertising notice opening of Ocean avenue; $15 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising map for New York avenue, from boundary line to Franklyn street; $8 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising assessment for sewer in Pierce avenue from Congress street to Summit avenue; $10 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising for sewer in Oakland avenue from Waverly street to Summit avenue; $2 65 to N. J. Freie Press for ad-

vertising for opening of Ocean avenue from property of S. B. Vreeland to Avenue C; $13 to J C. Herald for advertising notice for improvement of Ocean avenue from Myrtle avenue to Atlantic street; $11 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice for sewer in Oakland avenue, Waverly street and Laidlaw avenue; $9 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice for sewer in Pierce avenue from South to Bowers street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 2d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $6 be paid to Jersey City Herald for advertising; $2 50 to F. A. Smith for cotton waste; $13 to The Argus for advertising; $2 65 to New Jersey Freie Presse for advertising; $2 65 to New Jersey Freie Presse for advertising; $13 33 to Robert Donshea for pine wood; $313 28 to McCoy & Co. for pig lead; $174 31 to Daniel F. Buckley for labor and materials at pipe yard; $18 05 to John Maloney for plumbing work; $91 29 to Davenport, Oothout & Treacy for screws and castings; $245 to Davenport. Oothout & Treacy for hydrants; $1 49 to F. A. Smith for twine; $2 56 to Haines & Hallock for nails; $12 80 to C. L. Woolsey for matches and brooms; $32 15 to Anthony Dwyer for painting, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 7th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $25 be paid to the North Hudson County R. R. Co for tickets, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins, and Taussig

Nay—Mr. Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That all past due improvement certificates and Ravine road sewer bonds will be exchanged on application to the Comptroller for thirty year funded debt bonds bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That upon the payment to the City Treasurer by Isaac Struble of the sum of thirty-seven dollars ($37) the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cancel of record the sale made to the City Treasurer August 25th, 1879, for taxes of 1874 on lot 14, Pacific avenue, block 474.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 13th, 1879, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was on motion dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of William Brinkerhoff, attorney for the First National Bank, for return of money paid in error on water rents. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions

Petitions of Anton Reuter, James C. Daniels, Elizier Ward, estate of W. O Davey, deceased, A. Van Horn, attorney, George Culver, per A. B. Dayton, attorney, Augusta Waugh, Frederick W. Moller, administrator, &c., John C. Van Horn, Luke Clark, B. J. Westervelt, Matthew Gogiien, Wm. McCune, John Herring, Ann C. Webb, Charles J. Starr, D. H. Tuttle, Hugh Darcy, R. A. & G. A. Vreeland, David Lamb, Samuel D Tompkins, J. C. Appleby, John Blumm, Catherine Tise, Frank Stevens, attorney for Mary E. Thayer, B. H. Pelzer, Wm. Robertson, David T. Bumsted, J. G. W. Herring, Thomas Ward, Garret Vreeland, H. L. Sidman, Charlotte Schriner, Henry Rollfs, W. V. & J. J. Toffey, Annie Cox, G. D. Nelhaus, Joseph Meyer, Thomas Cox, George Kirkland, James Toner, George Spalt, Adolphus Steinhecker, Henry Rollfs, Jane Boyle, Thomas Maxwell, Edward Hope, James Toner, Mrs McCann, Mrs. Lynch, Margaret Doyle, Patrick Walsh and Thomas Brown, for return of difference between old and reassessment. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel,

Petition of Lansing Zabriskie to have reduced the assessed valuation for taxes on certain property for the years 1877-78. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel

Communication from J. D. Weitz with a statement from the Clerk of the Board of Public Works requesting payment for retaining wall taken by the city. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petitions from Robert W Cooper and Charles L. Rickerson requesting payment of certain improvement certificates. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Argus of $49 for corporation printing and printing manuals. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Allan L McDermott of $67 33 for disbursements. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the Corporation Attorney for printed forms. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies with power.

The Comptroller reported the receipts of the City Treasury from November 6th to 12th, 1879. to be $105,138 99.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $160,191 66.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection in his office the tax levy for the year 1879 80, amounting to one million eight hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and ninety-one 62-100 dollars, ($1,818 991 62.)

The above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor, extending an invitation to this Board to attend the eleventh annual reunion of the army of the Cumberland and the unveiling of the Thomas statue in the city of Washington, D. C The invitation was received, accepted and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney recommending that the claim of Henry Traphagen for costs in certain suits on dismissal of motions to set aside judgments be paid.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims, received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for differences between old and new assessments, as follows:

To E W. Havens, sewer in South street,	$349 09
To William Robertson, extension and opening of Clinton place, from Jackson to Bergen avenues	159 20
To Arend Steenken, flagging, paving, curbing, &c., of Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road, and grading the same	146 28
To John Stratford, improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line	40 50
To William Caldwell, improvement of Second street, from Colgate to Brunswick street	30 38
To Margaret Doyle for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line	129 85
To Matthew Forster for flagging, curbing, &c., Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road, and grading the same	155 97
To Samuel D Tompkins, improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line	103 91
To Mary P. Wintringham, improvement of Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford streets	494 70
To H. Rollfs for flagging, curbing, paving, intersections of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith streets	31 35
To H. Rollfs for main sewer in 3d ward.	117 90
To Andrew Flatley for sewer in South street	18 25
To William Frost, improvement of Palisade (now Summit) avenue, from Grand to Crawford streets	145 60

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess of thirty minutes

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the communications from Robert W. Cooper and C. L. Rikerson requesting payment in cash for four improvement certificates, amounting to $3,000, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel. The report was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on claim of Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, for the sum of $67 33 for disbursements and expenses from August 1st to November 1st, 1879.

The same committee reported on petitions of William Caldwell, Mary P. Wintringham, Samuel D. Thompkins, Matthew Foster, Margaret Doyle, C. M. Betts, Andrew Flatley, Arend Steenken, William B. Conklin, Henry Rollfs, Daniel McNeil, Charles Wadlaw, Joseph B. Stone, Thos. J. Pope, John Peer and Laura Havens, together with schedules from the Corporation Counsel on each, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions;

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of William Caldwell for the sum of thirty dollars and eighty cents, to pay for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of Second street from Colgate to Brunswick, on lot 8, block 411, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Mary P. Wintringham for the sum of four hundred and ninety four dollars and seventy cents, being difference between old and new assessments for improvement of Summit avenue from Grand to Crawford streets, on lot No. 3, block 353, the warrant only to be used to

pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Samuel D. Thompkins for the sum of one hundred and three dollars and ninety-one cents, to pay for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lots 3 and 4, block 526, Newark avenue, the warrant only to be used to pay taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Matthew Foster for the sum of one hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-seven cents, to pay for difference between old and new assessment, for flagging, curbing, &c., Palisade from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road, and grading the same, on lots 5, 6, 9 and 10, block 703, the warrant only to be used to pay taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Margaret Doyle for the sum of one hundred and twenty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents to pay for difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from the Five Corners to the old Jersey City line on lot 16 and 17, block 351. The warrant only to be used to pay taxes, assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frank L. Clark, attorney for Charles N. Betts for the sum of two hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-six cents, being the amount of certain judgment in favor of said Charles N. Betts vs. the city obtained in the Hudson County Circuit Court for difference between old and new assessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue, now Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford streets, on lot 1, block 418. The warrant only to be used to pay taxes assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Andrew Flatley for the sum of eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents to pay for difference between the old and re-assessment for sewer in South street, on lots 19½ to 20½, block 782, Hancock avenue. The warrant only to be used to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Arend Steenken for the sum of one hundred and forty-six dollars and twenty-eight cents to pay for difference between the old and re-assessment for flagging, paving, curbing, etc. of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road and grading the same on lots 1 and 2, block 706. The warrant only to be used to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of William B. Conlin for the sum of thirty-nine dollars and twenty-one cents to return to him the difference between the old and new assessment "for sewer in Palisade avenue and Waverly street," on lot 7, block 706, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That two warrants be ordered drawn in favor of Henry Kolifs, one for the sum of thirty-one dollars and thirty-five cents to pay for diffence between the old and reassessment "for flagging, curbing and paving intersections of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith streets, and grading the same on lot 78, block 748, New York avenue; the other for the sum of one hundred and seventeen dollars and ninety cents to pay for difference between old and new assessment;" "for main sewer in Third ward," lots 39 and 78, block 748, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Daniel McNeill for the sum of thirty-five dollars and fourteen cents to return to him the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, on lots 30 and 31, block 776, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Wm. E. Hugo, attorney for Charles Wadlow, for the sum of $71 54 to return to him the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Sherman avenue, from South street to North street, on lot 100, block 794. The warrant only to be used to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Joseph B. Stone for the sum of $73 53 to return to him the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Brinkerhoff street, Bergen, to Crescent avenue, on lot B, block 380. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments of to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frank L. Clark, attorney of Thomas J. Pope, for the sum of $241 26, being amount of a certain judgment obtained in the Hudson County Circuit Court in favor of Thomas J. Pope against the city for the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford streets, on lot 23, block 290½. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, provided, however, that before said warrant be delivered a proper satisfaction piece be filed with the City Clerk for said judgment approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of John Peer for the sum of $268 53, being for difference between old and new assessment for improvement of Brinkerhoff street, Bergen, to Crescent avenue, on lots 20 and 53, block 412. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn in favor of Mrs. Laura Havens, one for the sum of one hundred dollars to pay for difference between old and new aasessment for sewer in South street on lots 64, 65 and 66, block 785. The other for the sum of two hundred and forty-nine 09-100 dollars to pay for the difference between old and new assessment for sewer in South street on lots 64, 65 and 67, block 785. The warrants only to be used to pay taxes, assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on claim of Henry Traphagen recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $40 63 be paid to Henry Traphagen, attorney, for taxed costs on dismissal of motions to set aside judgments in the following cases against the city: Patrick Mulhearn, Michael Connelly, Edward Coughlin, James Coughlin, Thomas S. Appleton, Andrew Kenney, Anthony Gillen, George S. Appleton and Thomas Lally, the same having been approved by the Corporation Attorney.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on claim Allan L. McDermott. Corporation Attorney, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, for the sum of $67 33 for disbursements and expenses from August 1st to November 1st, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, the report was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Pres dent Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

The same committee reported verbally on the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles Chief Engineer, recommending that it be laid on the table.

Mr. Smith offered a minority report from said committee recommending the adoption of the following resolution as a substitute:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Nov. 5, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation W. W. Ruggles be and is hereby appointed Chief Engineer for the ensuing year at a salary of $2,000 per annum; and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to fix the amount of bonds required, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation

Mr. Smith urged the passage of the concurrent resolution as a measure of necessity and economy, and desired it recorded that he opposed the action taken by the Board in refusing

to concur in the appointment of Mr. Ruggles as Chief Engineer as no good or sufficient reason for such non-concurrence had been shown.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the minority report offered by Mr. Smith as a substitute, it was lost by the following vote:

Yea—Mr. Smith.

Nays—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the verbal report offered by Mr. Taussig, the report was received and the recommendation to lay on the table was adopted unanimously;

The same Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 5th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $64 be paid to John V. Condon for building culvert on Ocean avenue; $31 84 to A. A. Donnelly for gas fitting at stable; $190 to W. T. St. George, painting at Belleville; $7 95 to John V. Condon for repairing hydrant on 1st street; $60 42 to Donnelly Bros. for repairing furnaces in office; $27 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising meeting of Commissioners of Assessment for improvement of old Bergen road, between new Bergen road and Thompson avenue; $35 to Evening Journal Association for advertising opening, &c., of Ocean avenue, between north line of S. B. Vreeland and Avenue C; $27 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising reassessment for improvement of old Bergen road, between new Bergen road and Thompson avenue; $15 to Evening Journal Association for advertising proposals for sewer in Ogden avenue, from sewer in Franklyn street to 20 feet north of Ferry street; $24 24 to Charles Boltwood for jute, packing, &c., be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of the Argus, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $49 be paid to The Argus for corporation printing and printing manuals Oct. 23 to Nov. 23, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of nine thousand dollars on account of County tax of 1875.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of four thousand dollars on account of County tax of 1876.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of seven thousand dollars on account of County tax of 1877.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Mullins:

Resolved, That John H. Gorman be and is hereby employed as an expert to examine the books and accounts of William A. Brown and John B. Haight, deceased, former Water Registrars, also the books, accounts and transactions of Myles F. McCartin, former Assistant Water Registrar, Permit Clerk and Committee Clerk of the Board of Public Works, and

Resolved, That the said John H. Gorman shall receive as compensation for such services the sum of three hundred dollars, and that he report in writing to this Board the condition of said books, accounts and transactions as reasonably may be.

Mr. Smith offered as an amendment to the above resolution that the compensation be fixed at two hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. Mullins moved to table the amendment,

It was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

Nays—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

The resolution as amended was then put and lost by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach and Mr. Smith.

Nays—Measrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

The original resolution was then put and and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nays—President Beach and Mr. Smith.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 20th, 1879, at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of H. M. Allen (by James D. Simons, agent), for return of money paid in error on water rents; petition of H. B. Mahn (by F. M. Foye, attorney), for return of money paid in error on water rents; petition of Æneas Fitzpatrick requesting a rebate on certain assessments paid by him on account of wrong measurement of property assessed. Each of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of George Och requesting payment of an improvement certificate No. 1,319, issued for work done on Chestnut avenue sewer, contract No. 300. Communication from Frank L. Clark, attorney, requesting payment of $68 67 being amount of taxed costs on two judgments against the city. Both received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Robert Muirhead requesting immediate payment of Ravine road sewer improvement certificate No. 55, for $1,000. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petitions of Charles S. Clarke Jr., agent for the following named persons, for return of difference between the old and new assessment: James Salmon, Bernard Nattefort, Wm. Helfrich, Edward Hund, Wm. Beekman, Edward Kitz, Ernest Fischer, Ferdinand Hientz, Albert Corby, Emily Heutz.

Petitions of Peter Semler, agent for the following named persons, for difference between the old and new assessment: John Teiler, Sophia Muche, Conrad Hoffman, G H. Duncan, F. R. Seirns, Frederick Seirns, A. Seigfried, G. Glaustieo, Wm. Bremhauser. Simon Hendrix, G. W. Dunan, G. A. Dieuker, A. Lammar, Mary Damon, Valentine Berkle, Anton Wenckler, Christian Helms, Casper Halbig, Andrew Leibold, A. Geibold.

Petitions of J. Fitch Mallory, attorney for the following named persons, for difference between the old and new assessments: George Morris, Reformed Church of Lafayette, C. Kuhn.

Petition of A. Van Horn, attorney for Horace Hall, for return of difference between old and new assessment.

Petition of J. J. Bouton, Harriet, Aymar, J. M. Gibson, Patrick Doyle, H. Maserman, Jacob Koch, Henry Geigler, Jacob Eichberger, Catherine Dodd, Francis Campbell, Augustus M. Layat, George Avery, Thomas Donnelly, F. D. Wetherell, J. P. Morgan and S. H. Condict for return of difference between the old and new assessment.

All of which were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $151 50 for printing; claim of John A. Whalen of $38 50 for coal. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller and Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, November 13th to 19th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	$97,900 47
Assessment account, total	4,814 55
Water account, total	3,711 17
Sinking fund, 1873, total	653 65
" " 1876, total	890 00

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day to be $207,205 85.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $3,000 from salary account to general account for the present fiscal year.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between old and reassessments, as follows:

To John Prigge, main sewer Third ward, $24 74.

To Thomas F. Cox for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $45 08.

To Edward Hope for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $90 05.

To G. D. Neihause, main sewer Third ward, $25 64.

To Thomas Brown for sewer in South street, $287 38.

To Charles N. Betts, improvement of Palisade avenue, (now Summit) from Grand to Crawford street, $465 12

All of which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance,

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for taking up the wooden pavement on the south side of Grand street from Mill Creek to Fairmount avenue, and paving the same with Belgian block pavement.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $3,000 from the account of salaries to general account adverse, for the reason given by the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners that the money was to be used to purchase supplies for the next fiscal year, and under such circumstances this Board has no legal right to make the transfer.

The President having called for the ayes and nays, the report of the committee was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 11, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $135 be paid to Charles W. Laws for sprinkling streets; $90 to Charles W. Laws for sprinkling streets, $136 11 to Warner & Carscallen for feed; $66 to Wm. Gaston for horse shoeing; $316 76 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $9 to McNab & Harlin for manufacturing counter for engine; $22 65 to C. A. Woolsey for hose, &c: $251 51 to C. A. Woolsey for pure gum; $248 to National Meter Company for one four inch meter $51 19 to George A. Wood for sundry hardware; $15 90 to Charles Boltwood for powder, &c.; $2 39 to Hudson Ice Co. for ice at pipe yard; $8 45 to A. A. Donnelly for plumbing work; $24 75 to John Lynch for sharpening tools; $40 20 to Geo. A. Wood for water coolers, &c.; $6 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising for proposals for plumbing, School House No. 21; $8 96 to Hudson Ice Co. for ice for office; $15 55 to Donnelly Bros. for stove fixtures, &c, at Wharfinger's office, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of

Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney for the First National Bank, for return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $20 46 be paid to William Brinkerhoff, attorney for the First National Bank of Jersey City, being amount of money paid in error by said bank on water rents for 1878 and 1879, on property, lot 71, block 134, No. 131 York street, on September 30th, 1879, the same having been previously paid by them August 1st, 1879, the Water Registrar to be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Whereas, A large amount of both real and personal property is either exempt from taxation or pays a tax direct to the State; and

Whereas, It is necessary that this Board should know the actual amount of such property and valuation: therefore

Resolved, That the several Assessors of this city be and are hereby requested to furnish to this Board, at an early date, a tabulated list of all property, both real and personal, which may be exempt from taxation or which pays taxes direct to the State, together with its valuation; also a list of the property owned by the city.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be requested to furnish a copy of this resolution to each Assessor.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for December, 1879:

On General account	$ 49
On Assessment account	45,500
On Water account	8,680

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-one thousand four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-five cents on account of State tax for 1878.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of eleven thousand eight hundred and twenty seven dollars and thirty-nine cents on account of county tax of 1878.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, November 26th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, November 26th, 1879, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received from Mary Shine, John Van Reypen, Adam R. Welsh, Benjamin T. Welsh, Adam Melchior, C. Theiman, George Stumpf, Samuel D. Tompkins, Rebecca B. Landfear, J. B. Culver, Starr Rowland, H. Keible, Margaret McHall, Rudolph Kettle, A. Katen, Anton Koehler, James Kaskie, J. C. Batger, Henry Hastedt, F. Deiber, F. Deibetz, Elizabeth Neibuhr, Fred Goetze, Wm. Meyer, Chas, Thenan, John Daly, Stephen Keating, George Walters, John C. Morse, for return of difference between the old and reassessment and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of P. J. Condon to have returned $125 deposited by him with the City Treasurer for preliminary expenses for improvement of Mercer street. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Thomas Hannegan to have refunded money paid in error on water rents, received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of Wm. H. Newell requesting payment of three seven per cent. improvement certificates of $1,000 each, received and referred to the Corporation Counsel,

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Robert Donshea for one cord of split wood. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting transfer of $80 from Public Bath to rent of armories and supplies, and $100 from Public Baths to Printing, Stationery and Supplies. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, November 20th to 25th, 18 9, both days included:

General tax account, total	$61,579 28
Assessment account, total	317 60
Water account, total	4,658 44
Sinking fund, 1873 total	1,175 38
" " 1876, total	1,130 62

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day: Balance credit tax account, " assessment account, " water account, " sinking fund, 1873, " sinking fund, 1876, $199,005 56

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from Job H. Lippincott, attorney of County Collecter showing the amount of taxes levied against the city for State, State school and county purposes for the year 1879, and requesting that the City Collector be instructed to pay the moneys received by him for those purposes to the County Collector by the twenty-second day of December. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of $250 from the Committee on Teachers and Salaries to the Committee on Furniture and Repairs, to be used only in purchasing furniture and making repairs for schools Nos. 13, 14 and 20. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding resolution presented to this Board Oct 23, 1879, requesting transfer of $4,700 from the appropriation for the Engineering Bureau for 1878 and '79 to the appropriation of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for 1878 and '79 for the purpose of reconstructing streets now paved with wooden pavement. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $4,500 from the appropriation for Engineering Bureau for the yea 1878 and '79 to the appropriation of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the year 1878 and '79 for the purpose of purchasing Belgian blocks for the paving of south side of Grand street and other streets. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and concurrent resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to purchase 500 bags of oats and 100 bales of hay for the use of the Street Department horses.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported verbally on resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding resolution presented to this Board October 23d, 1879, requesting transfer of $4,700 from the appropriation for the Engineering Bureau for 1878-79 to the appropriation of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for 1878-79 for the purpose of reconstructing streets now paved with wooden pavement, recommending that the original resolution and the resolution rescinding same be placed on file.

The same committee reported on petition of William Brinkerhoff, attorney for George Gifford, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a bond be issued, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city, in the name of George Gifford, for the sum of three thousand two hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-six cents, in full payment of a certain judgment and interest obtained against the city by said Gifford in the New Jersey Supreme Court, which said judgment was entered November 22d, 1879, for the sum of $3,230 24, interest thereon from time of entry to date $2 12; total, $3,230 36, said bond to be delivered on the filing of a proper satisfaction piece to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on petition of Jacob J. Detwiller for return of money deposited with the City Treasurer for preliminary expenses for opening and paving Danforth avenue, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob J. Detwiller for the sum of $125, to return to him said amount, it having been deposited by him with the City Treasurer as preliminary expenses for opening and paving of Danforth avenue, the improvement not having been made.

The same committee reported on petition of P. J. Condon for the return of $125 deposited by him with the City Treasurer for the improvement of Mercer street, from the easterly side of Brunswick street to Monmouth street, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of P. J. Condon for the sum of $125 to return to him said amount, it having been deposited with the City Treasurer for preliminary expenses for improvement of Mercer street, from the easterly side of Brunswick street to the easterly side of Monmouth street, the improvement not having been made.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $250 from the account of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries to the account of the Committee on Furniture and Repairs of the Board of Directors of Education for the fiscal year 1878 and '79, to be used only in purchasing furniture and making repairs for schools Nos. 13, 14 and 20.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is requested to make the following transfers: the sum of $80 from account of public bath to rent of armories and supplies for 1878 and '79; also the sum of $100 from account of public bath to printing, stationery and supplies of 1878 and '79 of the Board of Aldermen.

The same committee reported on claim of Frank L. Clark attorney, for taxed costs on certain judgments recovered against the city, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frank L. Clark, attorney, for the sum of sixty-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents, being amount of taxed costs on two judgments recovered against the city, one in favor of Mary L. Wintringham and the other in favor of the Library Hall Association.

The same committee reported on petitions of G. D. Nelhaus, Thomas Brown, Thomas F. Cox, Edward Hope, John Prigge, Charles N. Betts, Treasurer of Library Hall Association, John Stratford and William Robertson recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That a warrant in favor of G. D. Nelhaus for the sum of twenty-five dollars and sixty-four cents to pay for difference "for main sewer, Third ward," on lots 152, block 747, the warrants to be used only to pay taxes, assessments or to purchase bonds,

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn in favor of Thomas Brown, one for one hundred dollar, to pay for difference between the old and new assessment "for sewer in South street," on lots part 264, 263, 262 and 261, block 782. The other for the sum of one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and thirty eight cents, to pay for difference between the old and new assessment "for sewer in South street," on lots part 264, 263, 262 and 261, block 782. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Thomas Cox for the sum of forty five dollars and eight cents to pay for difference between assessment "for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line," on lot 56, block 170. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Edward Hope for the sum of ninety 5-100 dollars to pay for difference between the old and reassessment "for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line" on lot 1, block 137 and lot 35, block 203 The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of John Prigge for the sum of twenty-four 74-100 dollars to pay for difference between the old and reassessment "for main sewer, Third ward" on lots 401 and 402, block 734, and lot 80, block 748. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frank L. Clark, attorney for Charles N. Betts, Treasurer of the Library Hall Association for the sum of four hundred and sixty-five 12-100 dollars to pay for difference between old and reassessment "for improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue) from Grand to Crawford street on lot 53, block 420. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of William Robertson for the sum of one hundred and fifty-nine 20 100 dollars to pay for difference between old and new assessment "for extending and opening of Clinton place from Jackson to Bergen avenue" on lots 36 to 44 and 5 to 9, block 514. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of John and Elizabeth Stratford for the sum of forty dollars and fifty cents to pay for difference between the old and new assessment "for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line," on lot 12, block 205, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, November 25, 1879, requesting transfer, be not granted.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby requested to direct the Comptroller to transfer the sum of $4,500 from the appropriation for the Engineering Bureau for the year 1878 and '79 to the appropriation for the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the year 1878 and '79 for the purpose of purchasing Belgian blocks for the paving of south side of Grand street and other streets.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 25, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation and approval of the Mayor and Aldermen, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the application in writing of P. J. Condon and others presented to this Board on the 10th day of December, 1878, for the improvement of Mercer street from the easterly side of Monmouth street to the easterly side of Brunswick street be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board which hereby declares its determination to make said improvement unless at or before the time hereafter to be appointed for hearing parties in relation thereto a remonstrance shall be presented to this Board signed by the owners of property liable to more than one-half the assessment therefor, and that the Commissioners of Assessment with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey be and they are hereby directed to make and report to this Board an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling and amount of work to be done and of the materials to be furnished for the making and completion of the said improvement, and that up the filling of such report the Clerk of this Board shall advertise for proposals for doing such work and furnishing such materials in manner and for the length of time required by law, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation,

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 15, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation and approval of the Mayor and Aldermen the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the application in writing of G Dresher and others presented to this Board on the 15th day of April 1879 for the improvement of Ogden avenue between Franklin and Liberty streets, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board [which hereby declares its determination to make said improvement unless at or before the time hereafter to be appointed for hearing parties in relation thereto, a remonstrance shall be presented to this Board signed by the owners of property liable to more than one-half the assessment therefor, and that the Commissioners of Assessment with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey, be and are hereby directed to make and report to this Board an estimate of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling, and amount of work to be done, and of the materials to be furnished for the making and completion of the said improvement, and that upon filing such report the Clerk of this Board shall advertise for proposals for doing such work and furnishing such materials, in manner and for the length of time required by law, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adop-

ted by the Board of Public Works, March 18, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation and approval of the Mayor and Aldermen the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the application in writing of Jacob J. Detwiller and others presented to this Board on the eighteenth day af March 1879 for the improvement of on Danforth avenue from Ocean avenue to the property of Central Railroad Company be and the same is hereby accpted by this Board which hereby declares its determination to make said improvement un'ess at or before the time hereafter to be appointed for hearing parties in relation thereto a remonstrance shall be presented to this Board signed by the owners of property liable to more than one-half the assessment theretor and the Commissioners of Assessment with the aid and assistance of the Bureau of Survey, be and are hereby directed to make and report to this Board an estim te of the quantity and kind of excavation and filling and amount of work to be done and of the material to be furnished for the making and completion of the said improvement and that upon the filing of such report the clerk of this Board shall advertise for proposals for doing such wo k and furnishing such materials in manner and for the length of time required by law be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works March 18, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 27th day of January, 1879, the Commissioners of Assessment and Chief Engineer filed in the office of the clerk of this Board their report and map in the matter of the opening of Cottage street 55 feet in width from the westerly side of Nelson avenue, formerly Smith street, to the property of the N. J. R. R. and T. Co.'s property, and

Whereas, on the 10th day of March 1879, this Board met to hear and consider all objections to said report and map or to the improvement therein referred to which should have been presented in writing, and

Whereas, No objections were alleged or known against the same, and

Whereas, This Board has corrected two lot numbers in blok 589, and a copy of said corrections signed by the President of this Board has been filed with the clerk thereof,

Resolved, That the said Board do hereby determine to make said improvement, and

Resolved, That the awards as set forth in the said preliminary assessment map and report be and are hereby confirmed, and be it further

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the following sums be paid to the following named persons, to whom the awards were made for real estate taken and damages sustained in making said improvement and where the Commissioners have reported the names or estates of the owners as unknown, the award on account of such plot shall be paid to the owners thereof when and as their interest may appear: Name, unknown; block No. 589; lot No.—; Commissioners No 2; amount, $1,200.

Resolved, That in all cases where the amount of the assessment exceeds the award to the same person no payment shall be made to such person on account of such award, but the award shall be cancelled and only the excess of said assessment over said award shall be a lien, and all of the assessment except such excess shall be ca celled.

Resolved, That in all cases where the amount of the award equals or exceeds the assessment to the same person that the said assessment shall be cancelled and only the excess of award over the assessment paid to such person.

Be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same Committee reported on petition of Aneas Fitzpatrick for rebate on assessment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, In levying the assessment for the improvement of Grove street (now Kearney avenue) from Ocean avenue to Bergen avenue, confirmation approved January 20, 1871, the Commissioners of Assessment assessed lots 36 and 37 (Commissioners' numbers), corner of Kearney and Jackson avenues, owned by Æneas Fitzpatrick, as though having a frontage of 28 feet, the correct frontage being 24 feet 4 inches, and

Whereas, Lot 35, Assessor's number, same corner, owned by the same person, has only a frontage of 3 feet 7 inches, assessed for the sum of $128 95, which is greater than the benfits conferred.

Now, therefore, inasmuch as the owner of said lots has agreed with the city for a certain rebate, be it

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby instructed to cancel the assessment on lots (Asessor's numbers) 36 and 37, for the improvement of Grove street now Kearney avenue, from Ocean avenue to Bergen avenue, on payment to him of the sum of $162 50, with interest from date of confirmation of old assessment, and that he be directed to cancel the assessment against lot (Assessor's number) 35, for the same improvement, on payment to him of $25 and interest from date of confirmation of old assessment, instead of the original assessments lavied upon said lots.

The same committee reported on petition of James D. Simons, agent for Horatio M. Allen, for return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of James D. Simons, agent for Horatio M. Allen, for the sum of nineteen dollars and ninety-five cents, being amount of money paid by him in error for water rents of 1878-79, on lots 29 and 28, block 210, No. 179 4th street, Aug. 1st, 1879, the same having been previously paid June 30th, 1879, and the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of H. B. Mahn for the return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of H. B. Mahn for the sum of nineteen 50-100 dollars, being amount paid by him in error July 1, 1879, on water rents of 1879 80, on lot 12, block 200, No. 455 Wayne s reet, the said amount having been previously paid June 12, 1879, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salaries list for the month of November, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of November, 1879, when due, viz.:

Henry J. Hopper, mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, city treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, city comptroller, $200; James H. Love, city, collector, $200; Leon Abbett, corporation counsel, $333 33; Allan L. McDermott, corporation attorney, $125, William Stevens, clerk to comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., clerk to treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, assistant collector, $100; clerks to collector—S. D. Dickinson, $60; James T. Grady, $60; Seneca Barker, $60; Louis Smith, $60; John T. M. Kaylar, $60; James E. Connolly, $60; Charles Krebs, $60; John Kennedy, $60; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; William H. Powell, marshal 2d District Court, $50; clerks to City Clerk, Thomas K. Halstead, $60; N. E. Feury, $60; A. L. Sears, $60; Assessors, Michael Kilcauley, 1st district, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, 2d district, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, 3d district, $108 33; Martin Logan, 4th district, $108 33; John M. Park, 5th district, $108 33; James C. Clarke, 6th district, $108 33; printing minutes, The Argus, $208 33; the Evening Journal, $208 33; cleaning rooms in City Hall, Ann Norton, $25; Bridget Parker, $25.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, the report of the

committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $151 50 be paid to The Argus for official printing from October 30th to November 21st, 1879.

On claim of John A. Whalen:

Resolved, That the sum of $38 50 be paid to John A. Whalen for ten tons of coal furnished City Hall.

On claim of Robert Donshea:

Resolved, That the sum of $12 be paid to Robert Donshea for one cord of split wood furnished the City Hall.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the relief of the poor under act entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the poor," approved March 14th, 1879, and that a bond be issued for said amount to be signed by the Mayor, sealed and attested by the City Clerk and the said sum of one thousand dollars be borrowed and raised on said bond, the said sum of money being provided for in the tax levy for the next fiscal year.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of three thousand dollars to transfer said amount from that account to August, 1679, interest.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of William Brinkerhoff, attorney, for the sum of thirty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents, being amount of tax costs recovered against the city in the case of George Gifford.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty dollars be paid to Walter Kissam for services as Clerk to Comptroller for month of November, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Thursday, Dec. 4, 1879. at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were laid over for approval at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for difference between the old and new assessment were received from Charles Kawlah, J H Welbroch, Charles Nietrebet, Elizabeth Buchanan, Christena Heppenheimer, Carl Martin, T J Bengel, Frank Bengel, Louis Eigenrauch, George Walker, Michael Kalunguin, Peter Semler, Peter Beck, Richard Jenkins, Catherine Becker, Wm. Brinkerhoff, Att'y. for Maria S Doolittle, Max Von Greeff, M O'Connel' Thomas H Love, Adeline D Pond, Patrick Anglescy, Bernard McAnnally, John Wheelihan, Margaretha Pelloth, Mrs. Mena Closs, Phillip Lindermeyer, Lansing Zabriskie, executor of Charles G Sisson, deceased, all of which were referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Claim of Frank L. Clarke of $23 22, being amount of taxed costs in a judgment recovered by Henry Gains vs. the Mayor and; Aldermen; claim of Charles Scott of $12 19 for carpenter work in City Hall from June 26 to Dec. 3, 1879; claim of Wm. Hutchings of $13 75 for one hektograph and ink furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation Dec. 4, 1879; claim of John G. Gopsill of $3 for postage stamps furnished Comptroller Nov. 26, 1879; claim of Charles S. Clarke of $71 34 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account..		
" " Water account.....	}	$90,242 67
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, November 26th to December 3d, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$183,230 67
Assessment account, total.....	2 095 19
Water account, total.... ----.....	11,063 92
Sinking fund, 1873.....	137 98
" " 1876	346 01

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Water Registrar certifying that there is due to the Fuller's Express Company the sum of $26, being amount twice paid in error on water rents for the year 1878-79. Received and laid on the table.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney, reporting the following decisions given by the Supreme Court in favor of the City: The State, Jacob Weart, prosecutor, vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, two cases on certiorari of assessments for main sewer in Sections "A" and "B," Second Drainage District.

In the case of the State, Peter Henderson and others, prosecutors vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, brought to remove assessments for a sewer in Grand street from the Newark Plank road to a point west of Vreeeland street.

In the case of Augustus A. Hardenbergh, executor, vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, the city was made a party to foreclose certain taxes and assessments upon mortgaged premises. The Chancellor sustained a demurrer on the part of the city, thereby deciding the priority of taxes and assessments over a mortgage given before the levying the same. The report was received and ordered filed.

Three resolutions from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting certain transfer. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Two resolutions from the Board of Directors of Education requesting certain transfers. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance,

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education rescinding resolution presented October 16, 1879. requesting transfer. Received and referred to Committee on Finance:

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for differences between old and new assessments, as follows:

To Dr. Thomas C. O'Callahan for lateral sewer in Chestnut avenue from Newark to Pavonia avenue, $1,593 99.

To Catherine McCann for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to the old Jersey City line, $41 48.

To John C. Van Horne for improvement of Summit avenue from Grand to Crawford streets, $570 71.

To David Lamb for main sewer, Ninth ward, from Perry street to old city line, $27 45.

To Henry Gaines for improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit), from Grand to Crawford street, $590 39.

To Joseph Mayer for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $44 10.

To James V. Maxwell for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $40 52.

To James Toner for main sewer, Third ward, Hudson City, $21 38.

To Patrick Walsh for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $20 27.

To estate of W. O. Davey for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $452 33.

To estate of W. O. Davey for main sewer, Ninth ward, old Hudson City, $167 05.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the several committees to expend certain amounts for three months ending February 28.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty five minutes.

The Board re-assembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported verbally on the resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer presented to this Board October 16, 1879, and the resolution rescinding the same recommending that they be filed.

The same committee reported on petition of A. Van Horn, attorney of estate of W. O. Davey and Patrick Walsh for return of difference between the old and new assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of A. Van Horn, attorney for the estate of W. O. Davey, deceased, for the sum of six hundred and twelve 38-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, from the Five Corners to the old Jersey City line, and for the main sewer, 9th ward, from Perry street to old city line, on lots 31 to 39, block 523, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, The warrant not to be delivered until a receipt is signed, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Patrick Walsh for the sum of twenty 27-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and reassessment for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 15, block 137, the warrant only to be used to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on claim of Frank L Clark for taxed costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frank L. Clark for the sum of thirty-three 22-100 dollars, being for taxed costs on a judgment recovered against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

The same committee reported on resolutions from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting certain transfers recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $75 from the Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries to the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons; and be it further

Resolved, That he transfer the sum of $100 from the Committee on Lamps and Lights to the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons of the Board of Police Commissioners for the fiscal year 1878 and '79.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Beard of Police Commissioners requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $250 from Police Justices account to the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons of the Board of Police Commissioners for the fiscal year, 1878 and '79.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Nov. 25, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to purchase 500 bags of oats and 100 bales of hay for the use of the Street Department horses. be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 25th. 1879, to wit:

Resolved. That $13 be paid to Michael Fitzpatrick for manhole covers; $55 24 to Claus Prigge for feed; $1 25 to D. C. Farley for one axe for Engineering Bureau; $33 95 to Thacker & Son for blacksmith work; $4 to W. N. Hogan for coal; $32 90 to John A. Vill for repairing harness; $15 to H. V. Sloat for spruce poles; $15 34 to Backus & Crane for window frames, &c, $164 72 to C. A. Woolsey for oil, &c; $57 30 to C. A. Woolsey for cylinder oil, &c; $39 20 to Wm. Greenleaf for railroad fares from Belleville to Jersey City; $167 9) to Henry O'Neill for extra work at Reservoir No 3; $297 72 to Henry O'Neill for labor and materials at engine house; $101 41 to Henry O'Neill for labor and materials at gate house; $19 to Henry O'Neill for iron beams· &c; $30 to Henry O'Neill for carting puddling; $186 to D. C. Farley for corporation cocks; $97 79 to Charles Boltwood for sundries; $10 to Robert Donshea for pine wood: $42 86 to J. F. Maxwell & Co. for feed; $69 90 to Owen Wade for blacksmith work; $376 48 to J. F. McCoy for pig lead; $92 95 to R. A. Randall & Son for harness, &c; $25 90 to R. A. Randall & Son for repairing; $72 to Thomas Trotter for carting iron pipe and hay; $27 80 to McAvoy Bros. for stationery; $5 50 to C. L. Woolsey for matches; $20 50 to Anthony Dwyer for glazing, &c; $42 55 to W. N. Hogan for coal and wood; $4 50 to The Argus for one book; $20 to The Argus for advertising; $94 to The Argus for printing manuals; $5 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising; $6 75 to W. N. Hogan for coal and wood; $117 to H. V. Sloat & Bro. for labor and material on Morgan street dock, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 18, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $21 50 be paid to Steele & Condict for turning and bolts; $275 10 to J. F. McCoy for pig lead; $86 15 to John Boyd for painting at pipe yard; $10 80 to Charles Boltwood for water pails; $50 11 to Steele & Condict for sundries; $20 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph; $152 22 to W. B. McDonald for yellow pine; $43 89 to W. B. McDonald for boards, &c.; $2 40 to J. C. Herald for advertising for proposals for engine and boilers at high service; $116 70 and $67 10 to Steele & Condict for sundries; $8, $7, $4 and $1 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising; $29 to Seals & Gilmore for sprinkling streets; $8 70 to T. C. Brown for decorating building, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 18th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $25 be paid to the North Hudson County Railway Company for tickets, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas— Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nays—President Beach and Mr. Smith.

The same committee reported on petition of Thomas Hannegan for return of money twice paid on taxes, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Thomas Hannegan for the sum of fourteen dollars and eighty-six cents to return to him said amount, it having been paid in error on taxes of 1879, on lot part 15, block 510½, and that the City Collector be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of Wm. Hutcheson.

Resolved, That the sum of $13 75 be paid to Wm. Hutcheson for one hektograph and copying ink furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of John G. Gopsell.

Resolved, That the sum of $3 be paid to John G. Gopsell for postage stamps furnished City Comptroller.

On claim of Charles Scott.

Resolved, That the sum of $12 19 be paid to Charles Scott for carpenter work done in the City Hall from June 26 to Dec. 3, 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Andrew H. Green, executor of Wm. B. Ogden, for the sum of seven thousand five hundred and fifty-four dollars and seventy-six cents. said warrant to be used only in payment of taxes due from the estate of said Wm. B Ogden and to be credited upon the amount due upon an interlocutory judgment recovered against "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City" by said Andrew H. Green as such executor.

By Mr Taussig:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board Nov. 20, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of R. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-one thousand four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-five cents on account of State tax of 1878 be amended by inserting the word school after the word State so that it shall read "State school tax" and that

it shall be understood that said amount of money shall be applied to State school tax.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the sale made to the City Treasurer March 13, 1872, for taxes of 1870 of parts of lots 60, 61, 62 and 63, Bostwick place, block 225, assessed to Frances Vincent, be cancelled of secord by the City Clerk for the reason that the assessment and sale are erroneous.

By Mr. Taussig;

Whereas, Certain warrants have been ordered drawn by the Board of Public Works in favor of employes of said Board whose appointment has not received the concurrence of this Board;

Resolved, That the Mayor be and is hereby respectfully requested to withhold his signature from any such warrants that have been or may hereafter be drawn; and that said resolution when adopted be referred to the Committee on Finance, they to confer in reference to the above matter with his Honor the Mayor.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Thursday December 11th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of Nov. 27th and Dec. 4th, 1879, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions from Estate of Beehn, Charles Reininman, Joseph Tolbert, John Muller, Thomas Regan, F. Groeschel, James S Noyes, James Baker, Lyle Reid, John Gruber, Joseph Godfrey, George C. Groeschel, S. S. Vreeland, Mary L. Coppell, Henry Wilstusen, J. W. Curtis, Henry A. Praett, Henry Holopp, Conrad Spengeman, Wm. H. Speer, C. V R. Vreeland, C. Vreeland, all for return of difference between old and new assessment, were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of B. F. Batt for return of money paid in error on water rents. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Argus of $90 65 for official printing and printing manuals. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Theodore Ryerson of $28 49 for taxed costs in a judgment obtained against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in favor of John W. Haaren: claim of Theodore Ryerson of $28 49 for taxed costs in a judgment obtained against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in favor of Henry Meincken. Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account..		
" " Water account.....	}	$122,746 66
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, December 4th to 10th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account.....	$78,481 23
Assessment account.....	1 632 27
Water account	4,321 75
Sinking fund, 1873.....	173 50
" " 1876.....	1,784 58

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Order from the Hudson County Circuit Court restraining the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City from paying any moneys to Andrew Burke due on account of contract for the construction of a sewer in Sherman Place and Central avenue. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Wm. A. Lewis, attorney for Jersey City Cemetery Co., submitting claim for burial of out-door poor from May 1st to December 1st, 1877, presented to the Board of Aldermen and by them referred to this Board, was on motion referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Resolutions from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $8,000 from General account to Salary account.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $300 from the account of rents to the account of salaries of Superintendent and Clerk for the purpose of making the salary of the Superintendent $2,100 per annum.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer of $73 30 from the appropriation for Engineering Bureau to the appropriation for salaries for the year 1879-80 for the purpose of paying the salary of the architect for the month of December.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education rescinding resolution requesting transfer of $200 from account of teachers and salaries to account of Superintendent's salary.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions:

1. Requesting the Board to concur in the appointment of Michael J. McMahon as extra clerk at a salary of $60 per month.

2. Requesting the Board to concur in the appointment of S. B. Dougherty as an engineer to superintend the putting up of the new pump and boilers at High Service Station, at a salary of $5 per day.

3. Authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to build a powder magazine for the use of the Hudson County Artillery.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between old and new assessments as follows:

To J. M. Gibson for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $43 84.

To John McMahon for improvement of Palisade avenue from Grand to Crawford streets, $54 49

To Max Van Grieff for main sewer, Third ward, $24 48.

To Ann M. Lynch for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $92 70.

All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess for thirty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported verbally on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education, presented to this Board December 4, 1879, requesting transfer of $200 from the account of teachers and salaries to account of superintendent's salary, and the resolution rescinding the same, presented December 11, 1879, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $666 66 from each of the twelve months of the present fiscal year of the Board of Fire Commissioners, making a total of $7,999 92, from the appropriation for claims to the appropriation for salaries, so that the appropriation for each of the twelve months of the present fiscal year for salary account shall be increased $666 66 per month

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Work requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $73 30 from the appropriation for Engineering Bureau for the month of December, 1879-80, to the appropriation for salaries of the same month for the purpose of paying the salary of the architect.

The same committee reported on claims of Theodore Ryerson, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Theodore Ryerson for the sum of $28 49 for taxed costs on a judgment obtained against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in favor of John W. Haaren.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Theodore Ryerson for the sum of $28 49 for taxed costs in a judgment obtained against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, in favor of Henry Meincken.

The same committee reported on petitions of David Lamb, Thomas C. O'Callaghan, Joseph Mayer, James V. Maxwell, James Toner, Henry Gaines, Catherine McCann and John C. Van Horn, all for return of difference between old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn in favor of David Lamb, one for the sum of twenty-seven dollars and forty-five cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Ninth ward, Perry street

to old city line, on lots 27 to 28, block 553, and lot 38, block 703; the other for the sum of eighteen dollars and nineteen cents to pay for difference between the old and new assessment for flagging, paving, curbing and grading intersections of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road on lot 38, block 703, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Collins & Corbin, attorneys for Thomas C. O'Callaghan for the sum of one thousand five hundred and ninety-three 99-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and reassessment for lateral sewer in Chesnut avenue from Newark to Prospect, now Pavonia avenue, on lot 1, block 513, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds The warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction piece approved by the Corporation Counsel is filed with the City Clerk.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Joseph Mayer for the sum of forty-four 10-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line on lot 7, block 137, The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of James Maxwell for the sum of forty 52-100 dollars being the difference between the old and reassessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line on lot 16, block 275, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of James Toner for the sum of twenty-one 38-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and reassessment for main sewer, 3d ward, on lot 30, block 773, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Frank L Clark, attorney for Henry Gaines for the sum of five hundred dollars and 39-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and reassessment for improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue), from Grand to Crawford streets, on lot 91, block 220. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds. The warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction piece, approved by the Corporation Counsel, is is presented to the City Clerk.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Catherine McCann, executrix of the estate of John McCann, deceased., for the sum of forty-one dollars and forty-eight cents, being the difference between the old and reassessment for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 11, block 241, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor Frank L. Clark, attorney for John C. Van Horne, for the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars and seventy-one cents, being the difference between the old and reassessment for improvement of Summit avenue, from Grand to Crawford street, on lot 2, block 353, the warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $88 68 from the account of the Committee on Heating and Ventilating to the account of the Committee on Furniture and Repairs, adverse to granting the same, for the reason that repairs made this present year must be paid from the appropriations made for the present fiscal year.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $25 from each of the twelve months of the present fiscal year of the Board of Directors of Education, making a total of $300 from the appropriation for the account of rents to the appropriation for salaries of superintendent and clerk, so that the salary account of the superintendent and clerk shall be increased $300.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan, Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Nays—President Beach.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions reported a concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Dec. 9, 1879 to wit:

Whereas, It is imperatively necessary to have a competent mechanical engineer to superintend the putting up of the new pump and boilers at high service station, therefore,

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation S. B. Dougherty be and is hereby appointed inspector for the putting up of engine and boilers at high service station at a salary of $5 per day be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Dec. 2d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $29 58 be paid to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $2 18 to James Hetherington for straw; $4 50, $94 62 and 10 80 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank; $87 to A. W. Cowan for carting iron pipe, 1878 '79; $1 80 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, 1878-'79; $45 90 and $45 15 to Jordan Stationery Co., for stationery, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of The Argus recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the sum of $90 65 be paid to The Argus for official printing from November 19, to December 11, 1879, and printing manuals, pages 73 to 81,

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Smith and carried:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing W. W. Ruggles chief engineer be taken from the table.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works November 5th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation W. W. Ruggles be and is hereby appointed Chief Engineer for the ensuing year at a salary of $2,000 per annum; and

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be requested to fix the amount of bonds required

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Drohan moved to amend by inserting the word non.

The amendment having been put it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- President Beach, Messrs. Drohan. Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

The original motion as amended was then put and carried by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Collins & Corbin for the sum of $35 67, being

amount of taxed costs on a judgment recovered against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in favor of Thomas C. O'Callaghan in the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by this Board November 26, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of P. J. Condon for the sum of $125 to return to him said amount, it having been deposited with the City Treasurer for preliminary expenses for improvement of Mercer street, from the easterly side of Brunswick street the improvement not having been made, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null and void, and the City Clerk be requested to cancel the warrant.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Thursday, December 18th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions from Isaac Morrow, Sr., and G. D. Neihaus, both for the return of difference between the old and re-assessment. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Krumpp & Bartleman requesting payment of an award for certain lands taken in the widening of the Jersey City and Bergen Point Plank Road. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of J. B. Ginocchio, requesting payment of improvement certificates past due. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Levi W. Post, stating that he is prepared to furnish complete maps for assessment of taxes of the First and Third Districts and such parts of the Second and Sixth Districts as lie within the limits of old Jersey City, which map shall show the accurate dimensions of each lot, the number of the lot and block, the name of the owner as taken from the records in the office of Registrar of Deeds for Hudson County, the cost of the same to be three thousand dollars. Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Statement of judgment in the case of Joseph Godfrey vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the sum of $1,034 23, certified by the Corporation Counsel.

Statement of judgment in the case of James Baker vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the sum of $1,691 64 certified to by the Corporation Attorney.

Statement of judgment in the case of James Baker vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the sum of $689 07 certified to by the Corporation Attorney.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $48 for advertising tax notices. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, of $121 90 for disbursements from August 30th to November 30th, 1879; claim of H. L. R. Van Dyke of $5 3) for taking testimony on rule to show cause why judgement should not be open in the case of Anthony Gillen vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Both received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Marshal for ten tons of coal; itemized requisition from the City Comptroller for stationery. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, December 11th to 17th, 1879 both days included:

General tax account, total	$216,783 58
Assessment account, total	2,793 64
Water account, total	5,755 92
Sinking fund, 1873 total	146 94
" " 1876, total	540 65

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account	$226,040 72
" " Assessment account	
" " Water account	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873	
" " " 1876	

Both the reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from John J. Toffey stating that he had held an execution against Jersey City at the suit of Henry O'Neill, amounting to $5,149 85, and requesting payment of the same. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between old and new assessments as follows:

To Augusta Wangh, for main sewer in Third ward, $61 12.

To Augusta Wangh, for improvement of New York avenue from Griffith to South streets, $5 91.

To Luke Clark, for paving, flagging, &c., Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road and grading the same, $188 72.

To D. H. Tuttle, for main sewer Third ward, $18 27.

To Thomas Donnelly, for improvement of Fairmount avenue from Summit avenue to Grand street, $97 33.

To D. T. Bumsted, for the extension and opening of Clinton avenue from Jackson to Bergen avenues, $30 16.

To Lyle Reid, for improvement of Bowers street (late Van Vorst street) from Palisade to Central avenue, $484 92.

To Margaret McHale, for main sewer Third ward, $10 85.

To A. Koehler, for main sewer Third ward, $6 48.

To H. Hastedt, for paving, flagging, &c., intersections of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith streets, $1 78.

To James Kaskie, for main sewer Third ward, $54 10.

To H. Korbel, for main sewer Third ward $10 85.

All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and laid on the table.

1. Appointment of W. W. Ruggles, as Chief Engineer, at a salary of $2,00) per annum and requesting the Board to fix the amount of bonds required.

1. Appointment of John Kelly as Inspector on Ogden avenue sewer at a salary of $2 50 per day.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims received. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for thirty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petitions of John M. Gibson, Ann M. Lynch, John McMahon, Max Vongrieff, H. Hastedt, James Kaskie, Margaret McHale, H. Korbel, A. Koehler, all for the return of difference between the old and new assessment recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of John M. Gibson for the sum of forty-three 84-100 dollars being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line on lot 17, block 137. The warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved That a warrant be drawn in favor of Ann M. Lynch for the sum of ninety-two 90-100 dollars being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line on lots 21 and 20, block 274. The warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor John McMahon for the sum of fifty-four dollars and forty-nine cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Palisade avenue from Grand to Crawford street, on lot 90 block 291, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Max Vongrieff for the sum of twenty four dollars and forty-eight cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lot 85, block 748, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of H. Hastedt for the sum of one dollar and seventy-eight cents, being the difference be-

tween the old and new assessment for paving, flagging, &c., intersections of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, on lot 151, block 747, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor James Kaskie for the sum of fifty four dollars and ten cents being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lots 140 and 139, block 747, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Margaret McHale for the sum of ten dollars and eighty five cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lot 223, block 757, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of H. Korbel for the sum of ten and 83-100 dollars, being the difference between old and reassessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lot 225, block 757, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of A. Koehler for tht sum of six 48-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lot 54, block 788, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on claim of Leon Abbett for disbursements, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $121 90 be paid to Leon Abbett, corporation counsel. for disbursements from August 30th to November 30th, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on petition of B. F. Batt for return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant of eleven 75-100 dollars be drawn in favor of B. F. Batt to return to him said amount, it having been paid in error by him May 23, 1877, to the Water Registrar for water rents of 1877 and '78, on lot 12, block 418, 23 Prescott place; the same having been paid by the owner of said property, Mrs. A. Hunt, June 27, 1877; and be it further

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolutions the report of the committee was received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of Charles S Clarke Jr.

Resolved. That the sum of $53 25 be paid to Charles S Clarke Jr, for stationery furnished the office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of the Evening Journal Association:

Resolved, That the sum of $48 be paid to the Evening Journal Association for advertising tax notices.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLENEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Friday, December 26, 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Friday, December 26th, 1879, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for difference between the old and new assessments were received from Charles Dallory, John Regan, P. Pfuger, F. G. Gloch, F. Pendergrast, E. N. Wilson, Christian Weber, Charles Clinton, and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Cornelius J. Cronin to have an error corrected on taxes.

Petition of A. M. Fuller for the return of money paid in error on taxes of 1879.

Petition of Isaac N. Quimby to have an error corrected on taxes of 1879.

All received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from Peter Semler to have the Board cancel the warrants ordered drawn at the last meeting in favor of J. Kaska and H. Hastedt for the wrong amounts, and requesting the Board to order new warrants for the correct amounts. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr., of $17 for stationery furnished City Comptroller; claim of John A. Whelan of $44, for ten tons of coal furnished City Hall; claim of the Jersey City Herald of $31 for advertising notices to taxpayers; claim of the New Jersey Freie Presse of $18 for advertising notices to taxpayers; claim of The Argus of $108 for official printing and printing manuals. All received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Corporation Counsel reported the following official bonds as drawn in legal form: Official bond of William Kennedy as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with David C. Joyce and Michael O'Keefe as sureties; official bond of William McWilliams as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with Henry P. Wittpenn and George H. D. Field as sureties; official bond of Peter A. Kern as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000, with Kasper Kene and John Kene as sureties. All of the above bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Itemized requisition from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation for stationery. Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Opinions of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Dec. 22d, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works to pay Joseph Tyson the sum of fifteen dollars for rent of stable from October 1st to November 1st, 1879, has been referred to me for my opinion.

On October 2d, 1879, I gave an opinion to the Board of Public Works, of which I enclose you copy.

It seems that the Board of Public Works, or one of its committees, had attempted before that time to get rid of the lease from F. H. Spengeman for a stable and to take one from Tyson, and as you will see, I advised them that they could not get rid of Mr. Spengeman's lease. If it was necessary for the purposes of the Board of Public Works that they should have two stables it would be proper to concur in this resolution, otherwise not.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ARBETT, Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Jersey City, December 22, 1879.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation, of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The order of the Hudson County Circuit Court in the case of Richard Gibbons and Andrew Burke, served upon your body, has been referred to me for my advice. This order forbids the payment of any money to Andrew Burke, or any third person, for money due from Jersey City to Burke by reason of the contract dated March 6th, 1878, for the construction of the sewer at Sherman Place and Central avenue. You must not pay this money or vote to pay it until the court revokes the order. I return you the order of the court for your guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

The opinion, together with the order, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Jersey City, Dec. 22d, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation, of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of Mr. J. D. Weltz has been again referred to me in connection with the copy of a report lately discovered, dated November 13th, 1874, in which the Commissioners of Assessment report that he has been damaged to the amount of five hundred dollars and recommend that a warrant be drawn in his favor for that sum by reason of the damages done to his retaining wall by changing the line of Hoboken avenue. This report was referred to the Committee on Streets and Sewers of the Board of Public Works, December 1st, 1874, but no action seems ever to have been taken thereon. I am still of the opinion that the statute of limitations is a bar, if the city chooses to avail itself of that defence, but I am also of the opinion that Mr. Weltz has been treated differently from other parties on the line of that avenue, and that if he had been treated the same as the rest he ought to be paid the sum of five hundred dollars. If he had proceeded within the proper time he would doubtless have been enabled to obtain pay for said damages.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corp. Counsel.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Jersey City, Dec. 22, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of Julia Shields requesting the cancellation of certain alleged assessments existing as a lien upon her property, has been referred to me for my opinion. I enclose a report made to me by the City Collector, who investigated the matter at my request.

As the City Collector says there are no such liens against the property as is alleged it would not be proper to grant the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corp. Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Order from the Hudson County Circuit Court appointing a Receiver in the case of Richard Gibbons vs. Andrew Burke; also two certified copies of rule for final judgment in cases of John W. Haaren and Henry Meincken against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, December 18th to 24th, 1879, both days included:

General tax account, total	$137,922 22
Assessment account, total	712 36
Water account, total	4,183 21
Sinking fund, 1873, total	360 24
" " 1876, total	645 47

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account	$295,578 45
" " Assessment account	
" " Water account	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873	
" " " " 1876	

Both of the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from N. E. Feury, Thomas K. Halstead and A. L. Sears, requesting an increase of salary from the present amount, viz: $60 to $75. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for differ-

ences between the old and re-assessment, as follows:

To Catharine Dodd, for main sewer, Third Ward, $141 18.

To Rudolph Kittle, for paving, flagging, &c., intersections of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, 82 cents

To Ann C. Webb, improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue), from Grand to Crawfort street, $117 70.

To Henry L. Siedman, for sewer in Palisade avenue and Waverly street, $39 72.

To Harriet Aymar, for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to Old Jersey City line, $32 50.

To Adam Melchior, paving, flagging, &c., Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road, and grading the same, $278 52.

To Henry Hastedt, for main sewer Third ward, $26 22.

To Rudolph Kitle for main sewer Third ward, $20 89.

To Conrad Spengemen for sewer in Palisade avenue and Hutton street, $444 01.

All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works rtquesting transfer of $45 from the appropriation for Engineering Bureau 1878-'79, to appropriatfon for Public Grounds and Buildings, 1878-'79. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for the constsuction of a sewer in Ogden avenue.

2. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to repair Nos. 1 and 3 Cornish engines at Belleville at a cost not to exceed $10,000.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the following official bonds:

Official bond of Peter A. Kern as Inspector of scales, weights and measures.

Official bond of William W. McWilliams as Inspector of scales, weights and measures.

Official bond of William Kennedy as Inspector of scales, weights and measures, recommending that they be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $45 from the account of Engineering Bureau 1878 and '79 to account of Public Grounds and Buildings 1878 and '79 Board of Public Works for the purpose of paying claims against said committee.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution the reports of the committee were received and the resolution and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Dec. 9, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and is hereby requested to concur in the appointment of Michael J. McMahon as extra clerk in the Water Department, there being sufficient work in said department for such extra clerk on account of the resurvey and assessment of the city of Hoboken and other matters at a salary of $60 per month, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Smith.

Nays—President Beach and Taussig.

The same committee reported on petition of Cornelius J. Cronan to have an error corrected in taxes respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct the tax levy made in the Third district as follows: Property assessed to Christina Demarest, designated on books as parts of 29 and 30, block 315, for the year 1878 and 1879. The property should be designated as lot part of 30, block 315; also property assessed in name of C. J. Cronan, designated as parts of 28 and 29, block 315. The property should be designated as parts of 29, block 315, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on petition of A. M. Fuller for return of money paid twice in error on taxes of 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of A. M. Fuller for the sum of $434 to return the said amount, it having been paid by him in error on taxes for the year, 1879, on lots 60 and 62, block 103. The same amount having been paid on the same property by Frank Stevens, and that the City Collector be notified.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of December, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of December, 1879, when due, viz: Henry J. Hopper, mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, city treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, city comptroller, $200; James H. Love, city collector, $200; Leon Abbett, corporation counsel, $333 33; Allan L. McDermott, corporation attorney, $125; William Stevens, clerk to comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morow, Jr., Clerk to City Treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Clee', Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. White, Assistant Collector, $100; Clerks to Collector, S. D. Dickinson, $60; Seneca Barker, $60; Louis E. Smith, $60; John T. M. Kaylor, $60; Charles Krebs, $60; John Kennedy, $60; James Connolly, $60; Patrick O'Neill, Messenger, $60; William H. Powell, Marshal 2d District Court, $50; Clerks to City Clerk, Thomas K. Halstead, $60; N. E. Feury, $60; A. L. Sears, $60; Assessors, Michael Kilcauley, 1st district, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, 2d district, $108 33; Hugh McLaughlin, 3d district, $108 33; Martin Logan, 4th district, $108 33; John M. Park, 5th district, $108 33; James C. Clarke, 6th district, $108 33; the Evening Journal, printing minutes, $208 33; the Argus, printing minutes, $208 33, Ann Norton, cleaning rooms, $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms, $25.

The same committee reported on the salary list of the Commissioners of the Board of Finance and Taxation recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries of the Commissioners of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending December 31, 1879, viz.: Marcus Beach, President of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; M. M. Drohan, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; John Mullins, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; Simeon H. Smith, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; Isaac W. Taussig, Commissioner of the Board of Finance and Taxation, $125; two-thirds of the sum total of said salaries to be charged to the appropriation for salaries of last fiscal year, and one-third to the appropriation for salaries for month of December, 1879, present fiscal year.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of the New Jersey Freie Presse:

Resolved, That the sum of $18 be paid to the N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice to taxpayers.

On claim of the Jersey City Herald.

Resolved, That the sum of $31 be paid to the J. C. Herald for advertising notice to taxpayers.

On claim of The Argus.

Resolved, That the sum of $103 be paid to The Argus for official printing and printing manuals.

On claim of Charles S. Clarke, Jr.

Resolved, That the sum of $17 be paid to Charles S. Clarke, Jr., for stationery furnished City Comptroller, December 22 1879.

On claim of John A. Whalen.

Resolved, That the sum of $44 be paid to John A. Whalen for ten tons of coal furnished City Hall.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolutions, the reports of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Mullins:

Resolved, That the sum of $60 be paid to Walter Kissam for services as Clerk to Comptroller for the month of December, 1879.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for January 1880.

On General account..... .....$59,052 00
On Assessment account..... 61,180 00
On Water account. 71,565 00

By Mr. Taussig :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of sixty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account to repay loan in full.

By Mr. Smith :

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, December 30, 1879, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Tuesday, December 30, 1879, at 8 o'clock. p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were laid over for approval at the next regular meeting.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting notification of transfer of $8,000 from general to salary account and desiring to be instructed as the manner of applying for transfers of unexpended balances in monthly account and further requesting the transfer of $758 56 from the unexpended balance of this month's salary account to next month's account and the sum of $1,000 from this month's general account to next month's general account. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $1,000 from salary account to general account for the last fiscal year. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting authority to transfer from each month's account of the present fiscal year the balance remaining to the account of each committee without requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to make such transfer. Received and referred to Corporation Counsel.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Appointment of S B. Dougherty as Inspector on the erection of steam pump and boilers at high service reservoirs, at a salary of $5 per day.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported verbally on communication from Peter Semler, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported verbally on certain judgments, two of James Baker and one of Joseph Godfrey, recommending that they be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on claim of H. L. R. Van Dyke, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $3 30 be paid to H. L. R. Van Dyke for taking testimony in certain cases against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on petitions of Adam Melchior, Luke Clark, Conrad Spengeman, Catherine Dodd, Ann C. Webb, Thomas Donnelly, Lyle Reid, Henry Hastedt, Henry L. Sidman, Harriet Aymar, Rudolph Kittle, D. H. Tuttle, D. T. Burnsted, all for return of the difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolut on:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Adam Melchior for the sum of two hundred and seventy-eight dollars and fifty-two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, flagging, etc. Palisade avenue, from Hoboken to Ravine road and grading the same on lots 7 and 8, block 703, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Luke Clark for the sum one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and seventy-two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, flagging, etc. Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road, and and grading the same on lots 71, 73, 75 and 77, block 551-704, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of F. S. Joline, attorney for Conrad Spengeman for the sum of four hundred and forty-four dollars and one cent, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Hutton street on lots 50 and 51, block 749, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Catherine Dodd for the sum of one hundred and forty-one dollars and eighteen cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, on lots 11 to 17, block 767, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Ann C. Webb for the sum of one hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Palisade avenue, from Grand to Crawford streets on lot 15, block 291, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Thomas Donnelly for the sum of ninety-seven dollars and thirty-three cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Fairmount avenue from Summit avenue to Grand street, on lots 34 to 35, block 347, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Lyle Reid for the sum of four hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety-two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bowers street (late Van Vorst street) from Palisade to Central avenue, on lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 55, block 773, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Henry Hastedt for the sum of twenty-six dollars and twenty-two cents being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, on lot 153, block 747, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Henry L. Sidman for the sum of thirty-nine dollars and seventy-two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Waverly street, on lot 8, block 706, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Harriett Aymar for the sum of thirty-two dollars and fifty cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lots 13 to 15, block 516, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Rudolph Kittle for the sum of twenty dollars and thirty-nine cents, being the difference between old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lot 69, block 738, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Rudolph Kittle for the sum of eighty-two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, flagging, &c., intersections of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, on lot 69, block 738, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of D. H. Tuttle for the sum of eighteen dollars and twenty-seven cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lots 42 and 43, block 776, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of D. T. Bumsted for the sum of thirty dollars and sixteen cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for extension and opening of Clinton avenue, from Jackson to Bergen avenue, on lot 168, block 513, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners re-

questing transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of salaries to the general account of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the fiscal year of 1878-'79.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—All the members present

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Dec. 16, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $12 36 be paid to Fitzpatrick & Carey for manhole covers, 1878-'79; $8 50 to J. C. Gas Light Co., for gas at stable Oct. 1 to Dec. 1, 1878-'79; $22 46 and $11 65 to Washburn & Bro., for brick and cement; $64 68 to John Dickson for feed; $88 05 to Thomas F. Noonan for blacksmith work; $96 to John McLean for 12-inch gates; $58 50 to Burke Bros., for cutting granite; $5 25 to Geo. W. Heritage for glazing; $30 to W. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph line; $163 92 to Patrick Manley for mason work at Belleville; $10 to John Hawley for blacksmith work; $35 50 to A. W. Cowan for carting; $155 53 to W. B. McDonald for labor and materials at Gate House at Reservoir No. 3; $70 08 to W. B McDonald for blacksmith work on Reservoir No. 3; $130 38 to R. D. Wood & Co. for cast iron water pipe; $292 83 to Mc Coy & Co. for pig lead; $144 to John McLean for 6-inch cocks; $28 50 to John Lynch for blacksmith work; $75 50 to Owen Wade for blacksmith work; $35 25 to Jersey City Gas Light Co. for gas consumed in office; $10 to American District Telegraph Co. for rent of instrument; $23 25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $50 30 to W. N. Hogan for coal and wood, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Dec. 9th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $92 70 be paid to John A. Vill for repairing blankets; $18 to Wm. Gaston for horseshoeing; $16 20 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $67 41 to Warner & Carscallen for feed; $8 to Patrick Killeen for horseshoeing; $14 to Patrick Lillis for horseshoeing; $33 34 to F. H. Spengeman for rent of stable; $7 05 to Thacker & Son for blacksmith work; $52 20 to James Ratigan for blacksmith work; $15 33 to R. C. Blackwell for medicines; $13 76 to J. H. Campbell for glass, &c.; $14 to John A. Vill for blankets; $9 50 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $20 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph lines for month ending October 1st, 1879; $4 75 to John H Campbell for stovepipe; $38 to James Kelter for earth; $26 79 to George B. Lockwood for plumbing work; $172 to John McLean for hydrants, &c.; $26 69 to Charles Boltwood for sundries; $32 40, $11 50 and $40 23 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, &c.; $90 and $125 to Thos. Sheridan for carting iron pipe; $172 50 to R. D. Wood & Co. for castings, $148 50 to R. D. Wood & Co. for Eddy valves; $16 50 to Henry Struch for logs for water pipe; $44 25 to John Maloney for plumbing work; $15 74 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $218 14 to Davenport, Oothout & Treacy for hydrants; $19 to J. S. B. Moore for medical attendance; $10 50 to the Argus for billheads; $15 75 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $20 to the Argus for printing manuals, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works December 16, 1879, to wit:

Whereas, On the 9th day of September, 1879, application was made to this Board for the construction of a brick sewer in Ogden avenue, from present sewer in Franklin street to a point about 20 feet north of the line of Ferry street; and

Whereas, On the third day of November, 1879, the Commissioners of Assessment filed with the Board of Public Works their preliminary sketch for said improvement; and

Whereas, On the 8th day of December, 1879, this Board met and heard all parties interested in said application who appeared and all remonstrances against the said improvement that were presented in writing; and

Whereas, This Board has determined that a remonstrance against the said improvement signed by the owners of property liable to more than one-half the assessment therefor has not not been presented; therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the said improvement be made and that the contract for said work and materials be awarded to Michael Curley, he being the lowest bidder for the whole work and materials, and that the Corporation Attorney be and he is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same.

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Dec. 30, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, S. B. Dougherty be and is hereby appointed Inspector on the erecting of steam pump and boilers at high service reservoir at a salary of $5 per day, be and is hereby concurred in by the board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Mullins.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig and carried:

Moved, That the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing John Kelly Inspector on Ogden avenue sewer, be taken from the table.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 16th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation John Kelly be and is hereby appointed Inspector on Ogden avenue sewer, from Franklyn to Ferry street, at a salary of $2 50 per day, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Mullins:

Whereas, The authorities of Jersey City have heretofore proceeded to improve Washington street by extending the same southerly to East Central avenue and making the usual street improvements therein; and

Whereas, About $80,000 have been expended on said improvement, which remains incomplete for the want of a bridge connecting it where it crosses tide water; and

Whereas, By the recent action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting an ordinance known

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as the "Float Ordinance," the public mind has been greatly disturbed and citizens jealous of their public rights greatly agitated thereby; and

Whereas, There may be serious questions as to the wisdom of the action of the Board of Aldermen in passing such ordinance and as to their authority to pass the same; therefore

Resolved, That the premises considered this Board does not approve of the said action of the Board of Aldermen; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his Honor the Mayor.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet Thursday, January 8th, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 8th, 1880, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

On motion the reading of the minutes of Dec. 26th and Dec. 30th. 1879 was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for difference between old and new assessment were received from John W. Snowden, Henry Thompson, Wm. Harney, Wm. A. Duryea, Samuel McBurney, P. Byrnes, Geo. Snowden, Joseph Robertshan, Catherine Costello, Alexander Hamilton, Julius Groeschel, Henry Koch, all of which were referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Isaac Smith to have an error corrected on taxes. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition from the Exempt Firemen's Association to have exchange coupon bonds for registered bonds Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Jacob Bollin for the return of money paid in error on taxes of 1876. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $30 for services of a night watchman in the City Collector's Office from December 19th, 1879 to January 3rd, 1880; claim of the Argus of $24 for printing statement and manuals; claim of Philip E Martin of $25 04 for repairs to stoves, &c., in City Hall; claim of Anness and Blauvelt of $7 45 for goods furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation, all received, and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Clerk for warrant books; received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $73 30 from Engineering Bureau to salary account for January 1880 to pay the salary of the architect.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesing transfer for out door poor; three resolutions from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfers. All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of Theodore Ryerson as attorney, of $31 21 for taxed costs on relicta in the case of Valentine Geffinger vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account..		
" " Water account.....	}	$79,812 90
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury January 2d to 7th, 1880, both days included:

General tax account.....	$76,624 66
Assessment account total.. :.....	1,359 85
Water account total.....	3,137 52
Sinking Fund, 1873 account total....	473 19
Sinking Fund, 1876 account total.....	273 32

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

OPINIONS OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petition of Peter Semler to have a correction made in warrants which had been drawn in favor of H. Hastedt and J. Kaskie, stating that there was no correction to be made.

The opinion was received and the petitioner directed to be notified.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, January 8th, 1880.

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Messrs. Klumpp & Bartleman petition for the payment to them of money paid in error for taxes for the years 1871, 1872,1873 and 1874 on lands taken by the city for widening the Jersey City and Bergen Point Plank Road. The case appears to be like that of G. R. and M. D. Vreeland, in which you have my opinion dated March 17th, 1879 The claim for the years 1871 and 1872 is cut out by the statute of limitations and I therefore advise that you do not pay for those years. For the reasons given in the Vreeland matter I advise you to pay the claims for the years 1873 and 1874 upon the certificate of the Comptroller as to the amount of tax property to be apportioned to the land in the street.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C.

Received and referred to the City Comptroller to be apportioned.

The Corportion Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between the old and new assessment, as follows:

To Lansing Zabriskie, executor of Charles G. Sisson, for improvement of Fairmount avenue, from Summit to Grand, $467 21.

To James Baker, improvement of Palisade avenue, from Grand to Crawford street, $639 88.

To Henry Meincken, main sewer, Third ward, $56 37.

To Anton Reuter, for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $41 52

To M, O'Connell, for main sewer, Third ward, $18 83.

To John Dailey, for paving, &c., of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith streets, and grading the same, $2 87

To R. B. Westervelt, improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plankroad, $172 53.

To John Dailey, main sewer, Third ward, $21 93.

To George Walter, for main sewer, Third ward, $71 79.

To George Walter, for main sewer, Third ward, $42 39.

To George Walter, for main sewer, Third ward, $41 82.

To William Meyer, for main sewer, Third ward, $21 55.

To Stephen Keating, for main sewer, Third ward, $6 77

To Elizabeth Buchanan, for lateral sewer in Newark avenue, from Oakland avenue to Summit avenue, $38 18.

To J. W. Haaren, main sewer, Third ward, $56 37.

To Margaret Pelloth, improvement Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $40 78.

To George Lutz, paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, 88 cents.

To Adam R Welsh for improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark Plank Road, $19 60.

To George Lutz, main sewer Third Ward, $25 09.

To F. Diebetz for main sewer Third Ward, $15 73

All of which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Showing the probable gross amount of money needed for the three months ensuing to be $75,000.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

The City Comptroller presented his report of the financial condition of the city to December 1st 1879, which was as follows:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to present to your Board the following statement of the financial condition of Jersey City, December 1st, 1879:

When Issued.	Name of Account.	When Due.	General.	Assessment.
	OLD BERGEN.			
1865	Lafayette Bridge	One each year.	$4,000 00	
1844	Soldiers' Bounty	June, 1884	32,000 00	
1865	Soldiers' Bounty	May, 1889	41,000 00	
1869	Street Improvements	July, 1889		$400,000 00
1868	Public Schools	July, 1888	50,000 00	
1870	Public Schools	January, 1900	100,000 00	
			$227,000 00	$400,000 00
	OLD HUDSON CITY.			
1864	War Bonds	July, 1884	$13,800 00	
1870	War Bonds	January, 1885	47,000 00	
1869	Public Schools	July, 1889	50,000 00	
1870	Public Schools	April, 1900	50,000 00	
	Past due and not called for		1,750 00	
			$162,550 00	
	OLD GREENVILLE.			
1873	Public Schools	1881, '82 and '83	$5,000 00	
1865	Bounty	January, 1881	11,000 00	
1871	Street Commissioners	July, 1881	41,000 00	
1872 and '73	Street Commissioners	1882 and '86	40,000 00	
			$97,000 00	
	OLD JERSEY CITY.			
1860, '61 and '70	Public Schools and Buildings (6 pr. ct)	1880, '81 and '82	$23,000 00	
1863 and '64	Soldiers' Bounty (6 pr. ct.)	1883 and '84	272,000 00	
1864	Lots for School House (6 pr ct)	1884	7,400 00	
1864 and '65	Soldiers' Bounty	1889 and '90	558,000 00	
			$860,400 00	
	JERSEY CITY CONSOLIDATED.			
1878 and '79	Improvement Certificates	1879 and '80		$91,000 00
1878 and '79	Ravine Sewer Certificates	1879 and '80		15,550 00
1878	Two Year Loan (5¾ pr. ct.)	1880	$500,000 00	
1870 and '71	Public Schools	1880 and '81	40,000 00	
1876	Revenue Bonds	1886	400,000 00	
1871	Streets and Sewers	1891		1,762,000 00
1872	Public Buildings	1891	100,000 00	
1872	Streets and Sewers	1891		800,000 00
1872	Reconstruction Streets and Sewers	1892	410,000 00	
1872	Streets and Sewers	1893		802,500 00
1874	Streets and Sewers	1894		100,000 00
1874	Improvement Bonds	1894	160,000 00	
1874	Streets and Sewers	1894		1,239,000 00
1872	Funded Debt	1897	500 000 00	
1870	Morgan Street Dock	1900	125,000 00	
1875	To Fund Assessment Bonds	1905		610,000 00
1874	Improvement	1906	60,000 00	
1876	To Fund Assessment Bonds	1906		290,000 00
1879	To Fund Floating Debt	1909	610,000 00	
1872	City Government	1913	627,000 00	
	Bonds issued to Commissioners of Sinking Fund		644,000 00	
			$4,176,000 00	$5,717,050 00
	SUMMARY.			
	Old Bergen		$227,000 00	$400,000 00
	Old Hudson City		162,550 00	
	Old Greenville		97,000 00	
	Old Jersey City		860,400 00	
	Jersey City Consolidated		4,176,000 00	5,717,050 00
			$5,522,950 00	$6,117,050 00
	TEMPORARY LOAN.			
Oct. 1, 1879	Importers and Traders National Bank	Demand, 6 pr ct	$100,000 00	
Feb 7, 1879	Second National Bank, Jersey City	Demand, 6 pr ct	20,000 00	
Feb. 7, 1879	Hudson Co. Nat. Bank, Jersey City	Demand, 6 pr ct	20,000 00	
March 1, 1879	Hudson Co. Nat. Bank, Jersey City	Demand, 6 pr ct	75,000 00	
March 29, 1879	Second National Bank, Jersey City	Demand, 6 pr ct	75,000 00	
Sep. 19, 1879	Second National Bank, Jersey City	Dec. 20, '79, 6 pr c	40,000 00	
Oct. 17, 1879	Hudson Co. Nat. Bank, Jersey City	Demand, 6 pr ct	50,000 00	
			$380,000 00	
	RECAPITULATION.			
	General Account, Debt		$5,522,950 00	
	Assessment Account, Debt		6,117,050 00	
	Water Account, Debt		4,788,000 00	
	Temporary Loan, Debt		380,000 00	
			$16,808,000 00	
	Less Sinking Fund Bonds, included above		1,069,565 00	
				$15,738,435 00

AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE AND UNPAID DEC. 1, 1879.

Taxes of 1874 and previous	$508.406 00	
Taxes of 1875	198.120 00	
Taxes of 1876	294,546 00	
Taxes of 1877	409,128 00	
Taxes of 1878	489,811 00	
Taxes of 1879	1, 265,370 00	
		$3,165,381 00
Less amount deducted by Commissioners of Appeals for the years 1873 to 1878, inclusive	$100,131 00	
Amount for 1878, estimated	15,000 00	
Also amount due State and County, as collected	782,105 00	
		897,236 00
		$2,268,145 00
Interest due on 95 pr. ct. of past due Taxes, estimated at 7 pr. ct. per annum		335,000 00
		$2,603,145 00

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS DUE AND UNPAID.

For Street Improvements	$2,262,202 00	
For Sewers	781,930 00	
		$3,044,132 00
Intesest due on 60 pr. ct. Assessments past due, estimated at 7 pr. ct. per annum		649,116 00
		$3,693,248 00

In order to more fully explain the actual financial condition of Jersey City. I make the following statement:

After a careful examination of the taxes and assessments past due, I believe it safe to say that 95 per cent. of the taxes and 60 per cent. of the assessments past due are good for that amount and interest.

STATEMENT OF DEBT.

The Bonded and Floating Debt	$15,738,435 00	
Deduct Water Debt, which is self-sustaining	4,788,900 00	
		$10,950,435 00
TO DEDUCT FROM DEBT.		
Amount of Taxes past due, good	$2,603,145 00	
Amount of Assessments, past due, good	2,475,596 00	
		5,078,741 00
		$5,871,694 00
Add the whole amount to be expended during the next fiscal year		1,517,195 00
ACTUAL DEBT		$7,388,889 00

In dealing with the debt of the City, your Board adopted a new financial policy, last July, in making your appropriations, which I believe will prevent any future increase of the City Debt and render certain the payment of interest on City Bonds, without depending upon collections from assessments.

Prior to last July, the largest appropriation ever made to collect by tax money to pay interest on City Bonds was the sum of $401,042. The amount in the present tax levy for this purpose is $800.000, which will raise by tax every dollar necessary to pay the interest on the City Debt.

The policy in previous years of depending on assessment collections, instead of taxation, to pay a large portion of the interest on the City Debt resulted, by reason of the difficulty of collecting assessments during the past five years, in a deficiency of $1,175,000, which has been added to and forms a part of the City Debt.

The change of policy adopted by your Board wll prevent any such deficiency in the future and will place in the treasury, by receipts from taxes, sufficient to pay all the interest on the City Debt for the ensuing year.

The reduction of nearly $200,000 in City Expenditures has enabled your Board to fix the rate of taxation at $28 per $1,000, which is being very promptly paid; the sum of over $400,000 having already been paid on the tax levy for the fiscal year of 1879—80.

The following statement will show the percentage of taxes collected in previous years. The taxes of 1872 and previous years, consisting of old Jersey City, old Bergen and old Hudson City, about 97 per cent., have been collected, and of the

Consolidated City Taxes of	1873	95 per cent.	
" "	1874	93 "	
" "	1875	88 "	
" "	1876	82 "	
" "	1877	75 "	
" "	1878	67 "	
" "	1879	24 "	in thirty days

The above shows that the City can rely with certainty upon collecting within one year over 67 per cent., and within two years over 75 per cent. of the tax levy; and it would be safe to rely upon a final collection of 95 per cent. of the whole of the tax levy within five years, as the percentage of this year far exceeds any of the four previous.

The Water Account of the City is self-sustaining, because the receipts from water rents pay all the expenses for Water Works, and leave sufficient to pay the interest on the Water Bonds.

In addition to that portion of the temporary loan account which has been funded, there has been paid in cash, on temporary loan account, the sum of $350.000, during the past year, leaving the sum of $380,000 unfunded, which will be paid in cash or funded into bonds, within the next sixty days. Respectfully submitted,

S. C. NELSON, Comptroller.

On motion the report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on claim of Theodore Ryerson for taxed costs on Relicta recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That sum of $32 21 be paid to Theodore Ryerson for taxed costs on Relicta in the case of Valantine Geffiner vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on resolutions from the Board of Directors of Education, requesting transfers recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $75 from the account of janitors and janitors' supplies for the month of December, 1879, to the account of the same committee for the month of January, 1880, of the Board of Directors of Education.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $20 from the account of heating and ventilating of the fiscal year 1878-79 to account of rents 1878-79 of the Board of Directors of Education to enable said Board to pay rental of school building No. 21 for the half year ending December 1st, 1879.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution;

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $73 30 from the appropriation to Engineering Bureau for the month of January, 1880, to the appropriation for salaries for the month of January, 1880, of the Board of Public Works for the purpose of paying the salary of the architect for the month of January, 1880.

The same committee reported on the statement made by the Comptroller showing the financial condition of Jersey City December 1, 1879, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the statement rendered to this Board January 8th, 1880, showing the bonded debt and all other indebtedness of Jersey City up to Dec. 1st, 1879, be received and approved, spread at large upon the minutes and filed, and that the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be authorized to have 1,000 copies printed, and that the statement be published once in the Evening Journal and Argus of Jersey City, and once in the Journal of Commerce of New York.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Dec. 30th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $3 90 be paid the Evening Journal Association for advertising sale of horses, 1879-80; 90c. to J. C. Herald for advertising sale of horses, 1879-80; $25 50 to Henry O'Neill for work on engine house, Reservoir No. 3; $22 to Henry O'Neill for work on gate house at Reservoir No. 3; $77 72 to C. A. Woolsey for cylinder oil; 925 41 to W. W. Tupper & Co. for grates; $97 56 to H. C. Hutton for carting iron pipe; $13 25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $298 87 to J. F. McCoy for pig lead; $220 61 to Egan & Roberts for work done at pipe yard; $65 50 to Henry Thompson for carpets; $4 76 to National Meter Co. for meters; $149 50 to Henry Thompson for carpets; $3 50 to A. A. Donnelly for plumbing work, 1878-79; $27 11 to Charles Scott for carpenter work; $11 77 to A. A. Donnelly for plumbing work, 1878-'79; $2 40 to Evening Journal Association for advertising sewer in Ogden avenue from Franklyn to Ferry street; $17 50 and $17 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising; $7 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice of Commissioners of Assessment for improvement of old Bergen Road from new Bergen Road to Thompson avenue: $4 to J. C. Herald for advertising sewer in Ogden avenue from Franklin street to Ferry street; $6 to Jersey City Herald for advertising final map of opening Ocean avenue from property of S. B Vreeland to Avenue C; $7 25 to W. Ames, & Co. for scrapers, &c., be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 23d, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $6 10 be paid to Haines & Hallock for lanterns, &c.; $17 53 to Claus Prigge for feed, 1878-'79; $2 10 to Jersey City Herald for advertising sewer refuse, 1878-'79; $97 12 to W. B. McDonald for labor and materials at Reservoir No. 3; $145 98 to J. H. Campbell for pipes, &c., at Belleville; $134 58 to Geo. A. Wood for shovels, picks, &c., 1878-'79; $96 60 to Warren Foundry and Machine Co. for 4-inch pipe; $27 36 to J. F. Maxwell & Co. for feed; $39 50 to Dugan & Fitzimmons for feed; $24 50 and $17 25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $3 12 to Hudson Ice Co. for ice in office 1878-'79; $12 50 to Geo. A Wood for cuspadores, &c.; $22 50 to The Argus for advertising opening and changing as to boundaries Ocean avenue from property of S. B. Vreeland to Avenue C, and posters for the same; $80 to The Argus for printing manuals; $5 25 to the Freie Presse for advertising and changing as to boundaries of Ocean avenue from property of S. B. Vreeland to Avenue C; $19 15 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $11 25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for manifold; $3 70 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $17 and $31 15 to Jordan Stationery Co., for stationery for Engineering Bureau, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Dec. 9th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be and are hereby authorized to build a powder magazine for the use of the Hudson County Artillery at a cost not to exceed $150 be and the same is hereby nonconcured in by the Board of Finance and Taxation for the reason that the said resolution does not mention upon what ground or in what locality the said powder magazine is to be built, inasmuch as the statutes of this State especially define how and where gunpowder may be stored it would not be lawful for this Board to concur in so general a resolution. And if it is contemplated to build said powder magazine upon any ground belonging to Jersey City, it would be unlawful to concur in said resolution inasmuch as the law provides for the building of powder magazines only in localities one quarter of a mile from any town or village, house of public worship, dwelling house or outhouse.

The same committee reported on the claim of Henry O'Neill for carting rock out of Reservoir No. 3, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Yeas — President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported claims, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of The Argus'

Resolved, That the sum of $24 be paid to The Argus for printing financial statement and manuals.

On claim of Anness & Blauvelt:

Resolved, That $7 45 be paid to Anness &

Blauvelt for goods furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of Philip E. Martin:

Resolved, That the sum of $25 04 be paid to Phillip E. Martin for repairs to stoves, &c. in City Hall.

On claim of American District Telegraph Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $30 be paid to the American District Telegraph Co. for services of a night watchman in the City Collector's office from Dec. 19, 1879, to Jan. 3, 1880.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas — President Beach, Messrs. Drohan Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Mullins.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 15, 1880, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for difference between the old and new assessments were received from Rachael McCann, Catherine Speer, J. E. Cronham, Stephen Mesereau, Wm. Blythe, Thomas Marrion, Wm. Harney, Wm. Beckman, John Wallace, George F. Oakley, Jane Smith, all of which were referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Robert Muirheid to have exchanged Ravine road sewer improvement certificates for a Jersey City bond. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Gottlieb Lamb to have an error corrected on taxes of 1878. Petition of H. L. Webster for the return of money paid in error on taxes of 1879. Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John A. Nugent of $8 for transcripts furnished counsel in certain cases vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Claim of John G. Gopsill of $29 60 for postage stamps furnished Comptroller and office of the Board of Finance and Taxation. Claim of John W. Harrison of $29 75 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation. Claim of the Journal of Commerce of New York of $33 25 for advertising Comptroller's statement January 10th, 1880. Claim of the Evening Journal of $63 for advertising Comptroller's statement and Commissioners of Appeal notice. Claim of the Evening Journal of $104, for advertising Comptroller's statement and official printing. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Samuel C. Mount of $93 30 for taxed costs in cases of James Baker and Joseph Godfrey vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller for stationery. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account..		
" " Water account.....	$460,903 54	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury January 8th to 14th, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$729,305 34
Assessment account, total.....	622 70
Water account, total.	2,716 56
Sinking fund, 1873, total...	202 19
" " 1876, total.....	175 24

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

OPINIONS OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Charles J. Hart, through his attorneys, Messrs. Collins & Corbin, states that various sums of money, amounting to several hundred dollars, were paid by him, as he alleges, to the city, being the amounts for which certain lands were sold for unpaid taxes, December 14th, 1871, he asks that as the sale was declared void by the Supreme Court in 8 Vroom 39, that the money with interest be refunded to him. In reply to my objection that he had not brought his action against the city within six years, he replies through his counsel that under Section 15, Act 1869, p. 1238 (Revision 1045, Section 15) that the declaration of sale could not be attached collaterally, and that it was not until February Term, 1874, that the Court set the tax sale aside.

I do not think the statute cited is an answer to a plea of the statute of limitation as the city is not attacking the declaration of sale but the other side, Mr. Hart claims that the money ought to be returned to him because the consideration failed. This failure, however, was on the very day of the sale As the court holds there was no right whatever to sell at any time within six years from December 14, 1871, Mr. Hart was entitled to the return of this money if he is entitled to it now. I therefore think that the plea of the statute of limitations would be held good. Mr. Hart, however, is justly entitled to get back the money he paid, if the facts are as he represents, and a court might try very hard to find some way to repay him. In my judgment there is enough in the point raised by Messrs. Collins & Corbin in view of the fact that the city has no money to warrant your body the principal without any interest, if Mr. Hart will accept that and the City Clerk will certify the amount paid.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between the old and new assessment as follows:

To Mary Campbell for main sewer Third ward, $138 17.

To Mary Campbell, paving, flagging, curbing, and grading intersections of New York avenue, from ferry to Griffith street, $34 08.

To Joseph Godfrey for improvement of Palisade avenue, from Grand to Crawford streets, $1,007 14

To Louis Eganrauch for main sewer Third ward, $36 99.

To Catherine Becker for main sewer Third ward, $24 81.

To A. Lammar for paving, &c. of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith streets and grading the same, 76 cents.

To Conrad Hoffman for main sewer Third ward, $75 08.

To George Schaffer for main sewer Third ward, $24 71.

To A. Lammar for main sewer Third ward, $20 87.

To J. H. Wellbrook for paving, &c. of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, $5 15.

To J. H. Wellbrook for main sewer Ninth ward, from Ferry street to old city line, $9 73.

To James Baker for improvement of Fairmount avenue, from Grand street to Summit avenue, $1,671 11.

To Charles Kamlah for main sewer Third ward, $37 75.

To J. H. Wellbrook, for main sewer, Third ward, $104 92.

To Charles Kamlah for paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, $1 83.

To Charles Thienman, for main sewer, Third ward, $27 74.

All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting transfer of $380 from election appropriation of 1878-79 to the account for relief of out door poor of same year to pay certain claims incurred on the order of the Overseer of the Poor. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to expend $100 in plastering the side walls of the upper story of the Third Precinct Police Station House on Oakland avenue.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of 15 minutes.

The Board reassembling all the members present.

The Assessor of the First District presented to the Board a schedule and description of all

property, both real and personal, exempt from taxation in his district, and reported that the total amount of real property exempt is $3,871,000; that the total amount of exempt personal property is $1,152,000, making a total exemption in the District of $5,023,000. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on claim of Samuel C. Mount, attorney, for taxes, costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of ninety-nine dollars and thirty cents be paid to Samuel C Mount, attorney for James Baker and Joseph Godfrey, in settlement of the taxed bills of costs in the suits of said Baker and Godfrey against the city.

The same committee reported on petitions of James Baker, Anton, Reuter, Frederick Diebetz, George Lutz, Margaretha Pelloth M. O'Connell, Stephen Keating, Wm. Mier, Adam R. Welsh, Lansing Zabriskie, executor of C. G. Sisson, George Walker, Henry Meincken, S. H. Condict, Augusta Wangle, John W. Haaren, John Dailey, Eliza Buchanan, Joseph Godfrey, Mary Campbell recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James Baker for the sum of six hundred and thirty-nine 80-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Palisade avenue from Grand to Crawford street, on lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, block 291, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes, assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James Baker for the sum of one thousand six hundred and seventy-one 11-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Fairmount avenue, from Grand street to Summit avenue, on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, block 291, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, the warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction piece is presented to the City Clerk, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mary Campbell, administratrix of Francis Campbell, for the sum of thirty-four dollars and eight cents to return difference between old and new assessment for paving, flagging, curbing and grading intersections of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith streets, on lots 137 and 138, block 747, and lot 90, block 748, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mary Campbell, administratrix of Francis Campbell, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventeen cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward on lots 137 and 138, block 747 and lot 90, block 748, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph Godfrey for the sum of one thousand and seven dollars and fourteen cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Palisade avenue from Grand to Crawford street on lot 20, block 290, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Elizabeth Buchanan for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eighteen cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for lateral sewer in Newark avenue from Oakland to Summit avenues on lot 8, block 525, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Dailey for the sum of two 87-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, on lot 126, block 757, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Dailey for the sum of twenty-one 93-100 dollars to return difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lot 126, block 756, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John W. Haaren for the sum of fifty-six 37-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lots 33, 34 and 35, block 775, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Augusta Waugh for the sum of five 91-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of New York avenue, from Griffith to South streets, on lots 17, 18 and 19, block 776, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Augusta Waugh for the sum of sixty-one 12-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, on lots 17, 18, 19, 40, 41, block 776, the warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of S. H. Condict for the sum of one hundred and seventy-two 50-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bergen avenue from Montgomery street to Newark plank road, on lot 5A, block 283, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Meincken for the sum of fifty-six 37-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, on lots 35, 36, 37, block 775, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Walter for the sum of one hundred and fifty-six dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8, block 767, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Lansing Zabriskie, executor of C. G. Sisson, for the sum of four hundred and sixty-seven 21-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Fairmount avenue, from Summit to Grand street, on lots 7, 8, 14, 15, 16 17, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, block 347, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Adam R. Welsh for the sum of nineteen 60-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plank road on lot part 14, block 332, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Meir for the sum of twenty-one 55-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward on lots 168, block 737, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Lutz for the sum of eighty eight cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, flagging, curbing intersections of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, on lot 81, block 748, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Stephen Keating for

the sum of six dollars and seventy-seven cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, on lot 253, block 746, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of M. O. Connell for the sum of eighteen 88 100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, on let 49, block 775, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Margaretha Pelloth for the sum of forty 78-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 19, block 205, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Lutz for the sum of twenty-five dollars and ninety cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, on lot 81, block 748, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of F Diebetz for the sum of fifteen dollars and seventy-three cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward on lot 309, block 736, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Anton Reuter for the sum of forty one dollars and fifty-two cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners, old Jersey City line, on lot 17, block 275, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Nov. 1, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $15 be paid to Joseph Tyson for rent of stable from October 1st to November 1st, 1879, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above the resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nays—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Jan. 1st, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be and are hereby authorized to plaster the side walls of the upper story of the Third precinct police station house, on Oakland avenue, at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, Jan. 6th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $38 28 be paid to E. A. Pyle for hardware and blacksmith work, 1878 79: $3 70 to D. C. Farley for pipe coupling, &c., Engineering Bureau: $105 40 to C. A. Woolsey for manila rope and waste; $190 08 to Wm. B. McDonald for screens, &c.; $39 to Thomas Trotter for carting iron pipe; $115 to Thomas Sheridan for carting iron pipe; $40 to J. C. Gas Light Co. for coke, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

On claim of the Evening Journal Association:

Resolved, That the sum of $66 be paid to the Evening Journal Association for advertising Comptroller's statement and notice of Commissioners of Appeal meeting.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $164 be paid to The Argus for official printing and advertising Comptroller's statement.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yeas — President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Smith and Taussig.

Nay—Mr. Mullins.

The same committee reported on claim of John G Gopsill:

Resolved, That the sum of $29 60 be paid to John G. Gopsill for postage stamps furnished City Comptroller.

On claim of John W. Harrison:

Resolved, That the sum of $29 75 be paid to John W. Harrison for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On claim of the Journal of Commerce of New York:

Resolved, That the sum of $80 25 be paid to the Journal of Commerce of New York for advertising Comptroller's statement, January 10th, 1880.

On claim of John A. Nugent.

Resolved, That the sum of $8 be paid to John A. Nugent for transcripts furnished Corporation Counsel and Attorney in the cases of Elmendorf, Green and Keeney vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Finance add Taxation December 26th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That a bond be issued, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in the name of George Gifford for the sum of three thousand two hundred and thirty two 36-100 dollars, in full payment of a certain judgment obtained against the city by said Gifford in the New Jersey Supreme Court, which said judgment was entered November 22nd, 1879, for the sum of $3,230.24, interest thereon from time of entry to date, $2.12, total $3,232.36, said bond to be delivered upon the filing of a proper satisfaction piece to be approved by the Corporation Counsel "be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void,"

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That three bonds of the denomination of $1,000 each be issued to George Gifford, said bonds to be registered, signed by the Mayor, sealed and attested by the City Clerk, to be dated February 1st, 1879, and to fall due and be payable thirty years from date, and that said bonds be taken at par and accrued interest, and further

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said George Gifford for the sum of $250.31, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes, assessessments or to purchase bonds, and be it further

Resolved, That the said bonds amounting to $3,000, and the said warrant amounting to $260.31, be delivered to the said George Gifford in full satisfaction of a certain judgment obtained by him in the New Jersey Supreme Court against the city and interest thereon amounting to $3,260.31, provided however a good and sufficient satisfaction piece be filed with the City Clerk, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty-one thousand nine hundred dollars to transfer that amount from general account to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for August, 1879.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of seventy thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig;

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor E. W. Kingsland, County Collector for the sum of $50,000 on account of county tax for 1879-80.

By Mr Taussig:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay all due and past due improvement certificates, and all due and past due Ravine road sewer bonds on presentation to himat his office, and the interest to cease February 15th, 1880.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 22, 1880, at 8 o'clock. p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received from Jane Wright, Owen McGovern, Bernhard Muller, William E. Flemming, John Montgomery, Albert Corby, Eliza A. Williams, John R. Demarest, Henry Combs, Hugh Carroll, Hannah W. Calvin, John M. Schreck, Lawrence Frank, Timothy M. Lynch, Peter Kurtz, Valentine Geffinger, Catherine Sturges, D. T. Warren, T. D. Witherell, Jr., Patrick Killeen, Robert Campbell, Edgar M. Eoff and Charles Krebs all for the return of difference between the old and new assessment. Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of A. H. Garretson for return of money paid in error on water rents. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of John Edelstein to have exchanged Ravine road sewer improvement certificates for a Jersey City bond. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of McAvoy Brothers of $2 50 for one dozen boxes national seals delivered to City Clerk October 1, 1879. Received and laid on the table.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Clerk to have printed 100 tax receipts. Received and laid on the table.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury January 15th to 21st, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total	$23,190 77
Assessment account, total	900 58
Water account, total	6,605 62
Sinking fund, 1873, total	461 04
" " 1876, total	931 81

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account, " " Assessment account, " " Water account, " " Sinking Fund, 1873, " " " " 1876	$433,375 79

The Water Registrar reported that he had received for collection in his office the following list of water rents, viz:

Measured water, quarter ending Nov. 1st, 1879	$6,325 81
Measured water, quarter ending Nov. 1st, 1879 (Hoboken)	5,462 02
Measured water, month ending Nov. 1st, 1879	11,285 77
Measured water, month ending Dec. 1st, 1879	11,645 22
Measured water, month ending Jan. 1st, 1880	11,134 86
Building rates, Hoboken, Nov. 1st, 1879, to May 1st, 1880, on account	28,000 00
Total	$73,853 68

All of the above reports were received and ordered filed.

The Assessor of the Third District presented a schedule and description of all property exempt from taxation in his district, and reported that the total amount of real property exempt is $1,108,800.

The Assessor of the Fourth District presented a schedule and description of all property both real and personal, exempt from taxation in his district, and reported that the total amount of real property exempt is $958,355, and that the total amount of personal property exempt is $78,000, making a total exemption in the district of $1,036,355.

The Assessor of the Fifth District presented a schedule and description of all property exempt from taxation in his district and reported that the total amount of real property exempt is $1,457,400.

The Assessor of the Sixth District presented a schedule and description of all property exempt from taxation in his district and reported that the total amount of real property exempt is $624,000.

All of the above schedules were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Requisition from the City Clerk for 200 postal cards. Received and laid on the table.

OPINIONS OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, Jan. 20th, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen:—The resolution of the Board of Works in which your concurrence is asked providing for the payment of three hundred dollars to Henry O'Neill for carting one thousand yards of rock out of Reservoir No. 3, has been referred to me for my opinion. The contract for the completion of the lower section of the reservoir No. 3, Jersey City Water Works, was made with Mr. O'Neill, July 13th, 1878. There is no provision therein for the payment of any sum of money for carting rock. I have obtained and send you the certificate of Mr. Ruggles dated January 15th, 1880, which shows that the contractor furnished the work as to rock excavation under the contract and that after it had been finished and the opening which had therefore existed for carting the rock away had been closed up by direction of the Chief Engineer, one thousand yards of rock were subsequently excavated by order of the Board of Public Works, I understand that the blasting of this rock has been paid for or has been ordered to be paid. The present bill is for carting away the rock, not for blasting it out, and is in addition to the charge for blasting it. The work that was done was done without lawful authority at the time because being outside of the contract, as I understand it. The concurrence of your Board in creating the indebtedness would have been necessary to make it legal. If the claim was under the contract then the money could not be recovered for carting this rock away, because the contract makes no provision for any such payment although the Board of Works should have obtained the concurrence of the Board of Finance before creating this indebtedness, yet nevertheless your Board can ratify their acts by concurring in the resolution to pay this bill, which under the certificate of Mr. Ruggles and the resolution of the Board of Public Works would appear to be a fair and equitable charge, I therefore advise you that you have the legal power to ratify the creation of this indebtedness by passing a resolution to pay this bill if in your judgment the charge is proper and right.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C.

The opinion was received, ordered filed, and and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Jersey City, Jan. 20th, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—In reference to the petition of Isaac Smith for relief from assessment for personal tax in the Sixth District at the time he lived in the Fifth District, my opinion is that the proper place to assess him for personal tax was in the district in which he lived and in that district only. But his application ought to have been made to the Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation in the years that his assessment was made. If you chose you can compromise these personal taxes under laws 1879, page 390.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C.

The opinion was received and ordered filed and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between the old and new assessment as follows:

To J. W. Curtis, paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith streets and grading the same, $3 32.

To Casper Halbig, paving &c., New York ave-

nue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, $2 35.

To Richard Jenkins, main sewer Third ward, $25 38.

To Casper Halbig, main sewer Third ward, $26 06.

To Peter Beck, main sewer Third ward, $21 28

To Carl Martin, main sewer, Third ward, $6 99.

To Christian Helms main sewer Third ward, $157 05.

To Conrad Weisenberger, paving New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, 87 cents.

To William Hotopp, main sewer Third ward, $28 83.

To C. Glaustein, main sewer, Third ward, $20 93

To Michael Kalunguin main sewer Third ward, $11 99.

To Peter Semler main sewer Third ward, $16 82.

To Conrad Hoffman main sewer Third ward, $37 56

To Andrew Giebold main sewer Third ward, $19 64.

To Anton Wenckler main sewer Third ward, $74 54.

The above schedules were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions

1. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for 100,000 Belgian blocks for reconstructing Grand street.

2. Authorizing the Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for proposals for 100 lengths of 16-inch cast iron water pipe to extend the main on Central avenue.

3. Authorizing the Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for proposals for 500 lengths of 6-inch cast iron pipe.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The Board took a recess for 15 minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petition of Robert Muirhead requesting payment of Ravine Road Sewer improvement certificates past due; also on petition of John Edelstein to have exchanged Ravine Road Sewer improvement certificates for a Jersey City bond recommending they be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on two resolutions from the Board of Aldermen requesting transfers recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen have requested this Board to make such transfers from the appropriation for out door poor as to enable the Board of Aldermen to spend twenty-five hundred dollars during each of the months of December, January, February and March instead of the amounts named for those months and have requested that the balance, to wit, the sum of $2,999 96 be divided into eight equal parts for the other months, and

Whereas, It is apparent to this Board that the expenditure for out door poor will necessarily be greater during the winter months than the balance of the year, therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to make the transfers in equal amounts from the monthly appropriation for out door poor for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November so as to make the appropriation for the months of December, January, February and March with that already appropriated for those months equal to the sum of $2,500 for each of said months, the transfer to be made so as to leave the sum of $374 99 for each of the remaining months.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $380 from the account of elections of the fiscal year of 1878-79 to account for the relief of the out door poor of 1878-79 Board of Aldermen.

The same committee reported on petitions of Catherine Becker, J. H. Welbrook, A. Lammar, George Schaeffer, Conrad Hoffman, C. Kamlah, Louis Eigenrauch, Charles Theiran, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Catharine Becker for the sum of twenty-four dollars and eighty-one cents, to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 45 and 46, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. H. Welbrook for the sum of five dollars and fifteen cents to return the difference between old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, on lots 66 and 67, block 738, and lots 119 and 120, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. H. Welbrook for the sum of one hundred and four dollars and ninety-two cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lots 50, 51, block 738, lots 66, 67, block 738, lots 119 and 120, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. H. Welbrook for the sum of nine dollars and seventy-three cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Ninth ward, from Ferry street to old city line on lots parts 28 and 28A, block 526, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. Lammar for the sum of seventy-six cents to return the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, on lot 163, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. Lammar for the sum of twenty 87 100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 163, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Schaeffer for the sum of twenty four 71-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 149, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Conrad Hoffman for the sum of seventy-five 68-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 155, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Chas. Kamlah for the sum of one 83 100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith streets, and grading the same, on lot 79, block 749, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Chas. Kamlah for the sum of thirty-seven 75-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 37, 38 and 39, block 748, and lot 2, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Louis Eigenrauch for

the sum of thirty-six 99-100 dollars to return the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer. Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 57 and 60, block 771, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Thurian for the sum of twenty-seven 74-100 dollars to return difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City on lots 45, 46, 47, 48, block 765; lots 249, 250, 251, 252, block 756; lots 16 and 101, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above the resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Jan. 13th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $16 81 be paid to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce stakes for Engineering Bureau; $1 05 to F A. Smith for twine; $4 76 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank; $28 to Sherry & Dugan for horse shoeing; $133 85; to Warner & Carscallen for feed for street department horses to be charged to December appropriation 1879-80; $62 67 to Claus Prigge for feed for street department to be charged to December appropriation 1879-80; $16 to John A. Vill for repairing harness, &c., to be charged to December appropriation 1879-80; $5 to Ackron sewer pipe for sewer pipe to be charged to December appropriation 1879-80; $10 to Sherry & Dugan for horse shoeing. to be charged to December appropriation 1879-80; $25 32 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work to be charged to appropriation of December 1879 80; $10 to Hodgeman & Co., for rubber coats and boots to be charged to January appropriation 1879-80; $216 to Warren Foundry and Machine Co. for cast iron pipes and bends; $165 08 to Warren Foundry and Machine Co. for one four-way bend: $91 94 to J. H. Campbell for felt steam pipe; $23 77 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, $14 95 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $27 25 to John Lynch for blacksmith work; $291 65 to Warren Foundry and Machine Co. for 6-inch cast iron water pipe; $414 to D. C. Farley for corporation taps, &c.; $25 to the Argus for advertising final assessment map for the opening of Randolph avenue, from 250 feet northeast of the northerly side of Carteret avenue to Grand street, and posters for the same; $22 50 to the Argus for advertising final assessment map for the improvement of Henderson street, from Railroad avenue to Pavonia avenue, and posters for the same; $16 to the Argus for printing manuals, to be charged to the appropriation for month of December, 1879-80, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays the report was received and the resolution adopted.

The same committee reported verbally on claim of H. J. Callo of $62 50 for insurance on public school building No. 21, recommending that the claim be referred to Mr. Mullins to be reported on by him as special matter.

Mr. Mullins moved as an amendment that Mr. Smith act with him in the consideration of the claim.

The amendment was lost.

The original report was received the recommendation adopted.

The same committee reported on claim of S. B. Dougherty, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, January 13, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $110 be paid to S. B. Dougherty for services as inspector putting up pumping engine and boilers at high service, 4 days in October and 18 days in November, 1879, be and the same is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Smith and Taussig.

Nays—Messrs. Drohan and Mullins.

Messrs. Drohan and Mullins in explanation of their votes stated that they voted against the claim for the reason that it was for services rendered previous to the concurrence of this Board in the resolution of the Board of Public Works appointing said Dougherty as Inspector of said work.

The same committee reported on the petition of I N. Quimby to have corrected a tax bill for 1874, on lot part of 7 and 8, block 279, adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The same committee reported on petition of Joseph Ballin recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph Ballin for the sum of ($10) ten dollars to return to him said amount, it having been paid in error to the City Collector on taxes of 1876, on lots 58 and 60, block 557, the error occurring in the addition of of the bill, as certified to by the Collector; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

The report was received and the resolution adopted unanimously on a call of the yeas and nays.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Gifford for three thousand dollars, in part payment of a certain judgment obtained by him in the New Jersey Supreme Court against the city, said warrant to be used only in payment of certain registered bonds ordered issued to said Gifford under resolution of January 15th, 1880.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Mr. Drohan was excused from voting at his request.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 29, 1880, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received from A. Mazzur, M. Massmann, Henry Riker, J. T. Bouton, T. F. Mahnken, E. Ritz, Charles Fisher, George W. Heritage, Phillip Faank, S. H. Isaacs, Alice McNamara and George Burke for difference between the old and new assessment, and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Fullers Express Company for the return of money paid in error on water rents. Petition of Patrick Farrelly, Treasurer of the Hudson County Catholic Cemetery requesting the cancellment of sale for taxes of certain property owned by the Right Rev. Bishop Corrigan and used for burying purposes also to have certain property known as the Wisner tract now assessed in the name of the Right Rev. Bishop Corrigan assessed to the parties owning the same. Petition of Simon Gasick to have error corrected on taxes. All of the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of James M. Brann for the payment of two hundred dollars as an award for damages sustained by him on his property by the gradingof Brunswick street. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Charles Clinton, Executor of Francis Campbell, deceased, requesting this Board to cancel the warrants ordered drawn in favor of Mary Campbell, administratrix, for the difference between the old and new assessment and to have the warrant drawn to the estate of Francis Campbell. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from Benjamin F. Lee, Clerk of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, stating that Henry Traphagen, late Corporation Attorney, had made an assignment to him of certain taxed costs claimed to be owing to him from the city and requesting that the whole matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel in order that the case might be presented to his Honor Judge Knapp for a decision as to what was due from the city to Mr. Traphagen. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the New Jersey Ice Company of $39 37, for ice furnished City Hall from December 1st, 1877, to November 30th, 1879. Received and laid on the table.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, January 22d to 28th, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total	$14,704 50
Assessment account, total	310 20
Water account, total	3,003 32
Sinking fund, 1873, total	
" " 1876, total	156 83

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account, " " Assessment account, " " Water account, " " Sinking Fund, 1873, " " " " 1876	$359,343 79

The City collector reported that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment map: Opening Ocean avenue, from S. B. Vreeland's land to Avenue C, $388 94.

All of the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Water Registrar requesting the appointment of an expert to balance the books of the former Water Registrar, John B. Haight. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, Jan. 29th, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—Section 5, chapter 125, laws of 1878, provides that whenever improvement certificates shall, in the hands of any one holder thereof, represent in value one thousand dollars, then such proper authorities of Jersey City and the city of Hoboken, respectively, as have in charge and under their control and management the finances of the said cities, respectively, shall issue to said holders of said certificates bonds of Jersey City and Hoboken, respectively, equal in representative value to the representative value of said improvement certificates which bonds shall bear lawful interest. Under this section your Board can issue bonds of Jersey City for these improvements, provided that you do not issue bonds for more than one-half of the certificates that are issued by the Commissioners and provided these certificates are issued for work done. I know of no provision for the payment of these improvement certificates in cash or in any other way except by the sale of bonds under this section,

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C. of J. C.

The opinion was received, ordered filed.

Jersey City, Jan. 29th, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen.—I herewith return to you petitions of H. Thompson, Joseph Tolbert, J. Tolbert, Joseph Tolbert, Wm. Harney, and A. M. Layat for rebate on assessments. The improvements for which the above named persons were assessed are as follows:

H. Thompson, widening of Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill creek.

Joseph Tolbert, main sewer section "A."

Joseph Tolbert, improvement of West Grand street pile foundation.

Joseph Tolbert, lateral sewer in Union street.

Wm. Harney, Grand street from Jersey avenue to westerly limits of the city.

Wm. Harney, widening of Montgomery street Jersey avenue to Mill Creek.

A. M. Layat, paving of Hudson avenue.

All of the above assessments were set aside by the Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments appointed by the Supreme Court under the act of March 26th, 1873, under the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals in the case of Edwards, plaintiff in error vs. Jersey City, the petitioners cannot recover the difference between the old and re-assessment as against the city. In regard to the petitions of C. Vreeland and C. V. R. Vreeland, it appears by the certificate of the City Collector that the assessments for which they ask a rebate have not been set aside at all, I herewith return the above petitions to you and advise that they be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C.

The opinion was received, ordered filed, and the petitioners notified.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between the old and new assessment as follows:

To Mary Damen, paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, $2 52.

To Rachel McCune, main sewer, Third ward, $20 30.

To Wm. Frost, improvement of Palisade avenue (now Summit avenue) from Grand to Crawford streets, $179 76.

To John Wheelihan, improvement of Bergen avenue from Montgomery street to Newark plank road, $109 13.

To William Breumeson, main sewer Third ward, $6 82.

To Joseph Robertshaw, main sewer Third ward, $20 64.

To H. A. Praet, main sewer, Third ward, $23 68.

To Wm. Beckman, paving, flagging intersections of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, $2 60.

To Valentine Berkel, main sewer Third ward, $20 91.

To Valentine Berkel, paving, &c., of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same $34.

To Rachael McCune improvement of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, $2 14.

To G. Meuche, for paving &c., New York ave-

nue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, $31 19.

To Mary Damen, main sewer Third ward, $41 85.

To Sophia Meuche, main sewer Third ward, $67 68.

To John W. Snowden, improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $60 41.

To George Snowden, improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $8 72.

To John Feiler, main sewer Third ward, $6 11.

All of the above schedules were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Assessor of the Second District presented a schedule and description of all property both real and personal, exempt from taxation in his district, and reported that the total amount of real property exempt is $7,157,900 and that the total amount of personal property exempt is $1,330,000, making a total exemption in the district of $8,487,900.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Public Works sent to the Board a communication from Miss R. S. Hendrickson, Principal of School No. 9, received by them January 20th, 1880, calling the attention of the members to the dilapidated condition of said school.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to erect a fire proof vault for the protection of all books papers and other valuable documents connected with said Board at a cost not to exceed $1,500.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

The Board took a recess for 15 minutes. On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported verbally on petition of George H. Farrier, treasurer of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Jersey City, to have exchanged coupon for registered bonds, recommending that the petition be placed on file.

The same committee reported verbally on petition of Charles Clinton, executor of Francis Campbell, deceased, to have warrants drawn for difference between old and new assessment, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported verbally on petition of Benjamin F. Lee, recommending that it be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on petitions of A. Giebold, Mary Damen, Sophia Meuche, Peter Semler, Andrew Liebold, Anton Wenckler, Michael Kalunquin, Richard Jenkins, Conrad Hoffman, J. W. Curtis, Casper Halbig, Rachael McCune, Wm. Hotopp, Valentine Berkel, Wm. Beckman, H. A. Praet, William Breumissen, William Frost, C Glaustein, Christopher Helms, Conrad Weisenberger, Peter Beck, Carl Martin, John Feiler, George Snowden, Joseph Robertshaw, John W. Snowden, John Wheelthan, all for differences between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. Giebold for the sum of seventy eight cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, flagging and grading intersections of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, on lot 71, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mary Damon for the sum of $41 85, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 161 and 162, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, provided if said Mary Damon be married her husband must join with her in receipting for said warrant before delivery.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Sophia Meuche for the sum of $31 19, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same on lot 77, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, provided if said Sophia Meuche is married her husband must join with her in receipt for said warrant before delivery.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Peter Semler for the sum of $16 82 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 194, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Andrew Seebold for the sum of $19 64, being the difference between the old and new assesessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 71, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Anton Wenckler, for the sum of $74 54, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 174 A and 174, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Michael Kalunguin for the sum of $11 99, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 195, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Richard Jenkins for the sum of $25 38, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 52 and 65, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Conrad Hoffman for the sum of $37 56, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same on lot 155, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. W. Curtis for the sum of $3 32, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, on lot 121, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Casper Halbig for the sum of $26 07, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, Old Hudson City, on lot 154, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to pupchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Rachael McCune for the sum of $2 14, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of New York avenue, from Griffith to South street, on lot 43, block 775, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds. Provided if said Rachael McCune is married her husband must receipt with her for said warrant before the same is delivered.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. Hotopp for the sum of $28 83, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lots 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, block 829, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Valentine Berkel for the sum of $1 43, being the difference between

the old and new assessment for paving, etc., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith streets, and grading the same, on lot 165, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Valentine Berkel for the sum of $40 91 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 165, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Beekman for the sum of $2 60 being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c. New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same on lots 103 and 104, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Praet for the sum of $22 68 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 89, block 748, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mary Damon for the sum of $2 52 being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same on lots 161 and 162, block 757, and lots 143 and 144, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds; provided said Mary Damon be married her husband shall sign the receipt before the warrant is delivered.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Breumissen for the sum of six dollars and eighty-two cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment, for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 53, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Rachael McCune for the sum of twenty dollars and thirty cents being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 43, block 775, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds; provided, if said Rachael McCune is married, her husband must join with her in receipting for said warrant before the same is delivered.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Frost for the sum of one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and seventy-six cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Palisade (now Summit) avenue, from Grand to Crawford street, on lots 16 and 17, block 290, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds; the warrant not to be delivered until the suit on the above matter is discontinued.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Claus Glaustein for the sum of twenty dollars and ninety-three cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 169, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Christian Helms for the sum of $157 5-100, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 156 and 157, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Conrad Weisenberger for the sum of eighty-seven cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same, on lot 127, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Casper Halbig for the sum of $2 35-100, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, on lot 154, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Peter Beck for the sum of $21 28 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 170, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Carl Martens for the sum of $6 99-100 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 56, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Feiler for the sum of $6 11-100 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 57, block 759, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Snowden for the sum of $8 72, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 18, block 531, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John W. Snowden for the sum of $60 41, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 15, block 531, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph Robertshaw for the sum of $20 64, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 18, block 767, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Wheelihan for the sum of $109 13, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plankroad, on lots 14 and 15, block 227, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Sophia Meuche for the sum of $57 63, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 77, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds; provided, if said Sophia Meuche is married her husband must receipt with her before said warrant is delivered.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Rresolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Works Jan. 27, 1880, to wit:

Whereas, The safes and vaults occupied by the Board of Public Works corner of Jersey avenue and Mercer street, are totally inadequate for the security and proper preservation of the books, maps, papers and other valuable documents connected with the various departments of the Board of Public Works, and

Whereas, Your Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings deem it advisable to construct a fire proof vault in the rear of said building to open or connect with each floor so as to secure the above mentioned property (the loss of which it would be impossible to replace) from

fire; should a fire occur in said building it would be impossible to save the books, maps, etc., and the city would suffer great loss thereby, therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for a fire proof vault according to plans and specifications to be made by the City Architect at a cost not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) be and is hereby nonconcurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation on the ground that in the opinion of this Board the offices connected with the Board of Public Works should be located in the city Hall, and this Board would suggest that the Board of Public Works appoint a committee to consult with this Board having that object in view, and your committee think a fire proof vault should be built at the City Hall to accommodate all the City records.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Jan. 20th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Boar of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to advertise for one hundred thousand Belgian blocks for the purpose of reconstructing Grand street, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation on the ground that in the opinion of this Board all reconstruction of such an amount should be done by contract, it being for the best interest of the city.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Dec. 9th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering 500 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Jan. 20th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $2 31 be paid to John Anness for broom handles, &c., to be charged to appropriation 1878-79; $7 80 to John Anness for repairing roof at stable, to be charged to appropriation 1878-79; $12 to J. W. Harrison for steel tapes and envelopes to be charged to Engineering Bureau for year 1878-79, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works January 20th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $26 75 be paid to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank to be charged to December appropriation 1879-80; $9 45 to Thomas F. Noonan for blacksmith work to be charged to appropriation for December 1879-80; $3 90 to The Argus for advertising sale of horses to be charged to appropriation for December, 1879-80; $6 to Joseph Stamford for carting machinery; $192 17 to J. H. Campbell for rubbing packing, &c. for Belleville; $11 60 to Vanderbeek & Sons for cement, &c; $46 97 to Michael Courain for tin roofing; $1'9 95 to J. F. McCoy for pig lead; $87 50 to H. C. Hutton for carting iron pipe; $49 85 to Owen Wade for blacksmith work; $4 25 to Charles Boltwood for fuse and kerosene; $10 to Horwedell & Co., for iron blocks; $22 95 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $13 70 to C. L. Woolsey for soap and brooms to be charged to appropriation for December. 1879-80; $41 55 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery to be charged to appropriation for December, 1879-80; $12 60 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery to be charged to appropriation for month of December, 1879-80; $6 50 to Jordan Stationery Co., for covers for contracts to be charged to appropriation for Engineering Bureau for month of December, 1879-80, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of A. H. Gerretson for return of money paid in error on water rents recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of C. H. Garretson for the sum of $6 75, it having been paid in error by him for water rents of 1879-'80, on lot 20, block 270, the same amount having been paid by Wm. Harney as agent for Mrs. Ravenhill for the same year on the same property; and further,

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of H. L. Webster for return of money paid in error by him on taxes of 1879-80, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of H. L. Webster for the sum of $57 20 to return said amount, it having been paid in error by him on taxes of 1879, on lot 398 block 796; and

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of Isaac Smith to have personal taxes cancelled, adverse to granting the same, as he should have applied to the Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of January, 1880, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of January, 1880, when due, viz:

Henry J. Hopper, Mayor, $83 33: Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, $333 33; Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, $125; William Stevens, Clerk to Comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $100; clerks to Collector, S. D. Dickinson, $80; Seneca Barker, $60; Louis E. Smith, $60; John T. M, Kaylar, $60 Charles Krebs, $60; John Kennedy, $60; James E. Connolly, $60; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; William H. Powell, Marshal, 2 District Court, $50; clerks to City Clerk, Thomas K. Halstead, $60; N E. Feury, $60; A. L. Sears, $60; Assessors, Michael Kilcauley, 1st District, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, 2d District, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, 3d District, $108 33; Martin Logan, 4th District, $108 33; John M. Park, 5th District, $108 33; James C. Clarke, 6th District, $108 33; the Evening Journal Association, printing minutes, $208 33; the Argus, printing minutes, $208 33; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $25.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution, report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

Mr. Mullins, to whom was referred the claim of H. J. Callo of $62 50 for insurance on public school building No. 21, reported the claim correct and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Jan. 13th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $62 50 be paid to H. J. Callo for insurance on public school building No. 21, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on the above resolution the report was received and resolution adopted unanimously

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Mullins:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty dollars be paid to Walter Kissam for services as extra clerk to Comptroller for the month of January, 1880.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution

adopted January 15, 1880, which refers to a certain warrant ordered to be drawn in favor of George Gifford for two hundred and sixty-one dollars and thirty-one cents ($261 31) be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Gifford for the sum of three hundred and seven 76-100 dollars, said warrant with bonds heretofore issued to be full satisfaction of a certain judgment obtained by said Gifford in the New Jersey Supreme Court against the city including interest thereon for difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to the Newark Plank Road on lots Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 37, block 359; lots 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, block 360; lots 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, block 361, lot 175 block 361½.

Mr, Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for February, 1880.

On General account..... .....$41,160 00
On Water account. 1,500 00

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF. Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 5, 1880, at 8 o'clock. p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was on motion dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Central Railroad of New Jersey requesting that the sum of $231 52 paid in error on measured water bill of October 1, 1879, be deducted from their next water bill.

Petitions for differences between old and new assessments were received from the following persons and referred to the Corporation Counsel: A. Borehert, A. Mackey, Charles Bodieker, A. W. Mackie, S. Martini, C. W. Spellmeyer, John Washburne, John Haughy, G. H. Carrick, Susan Gale, Washburne & Kusbury, Mrs. Krause, Thomas Costello, Lawrence McClary, J. G. Breaky, Charles Spielman.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Wm. Brinkerhoff of $13 79 for taxed costs in the case of Andrew Reid vs the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Claim of Julius Jaeck of $3 for repairing clocks; claim of Anness & Blauvelt of $18 60 for repairing stoves, &c, in City Hall All referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Marshal for ten tons of coal to be delivered at the City Hall. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The City Treasurer reported a balance of $287 501 60 to the credit of all the accounts at the close of business February 5, 1880.

The City Comptroller reported the total amount of receipts of the City Treasury, from January 29th to Feb. 4th, 1880, to be $25,134 97. Both reports were received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petitions of Henry Riker and T F. Mahnken for differences between old and new assessment for grading and paving West Newark avenue from Five (5) Corners to Hackensack river, adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners, the said assessment having been set aside by the Commissioners appointed to adjust unpaid assessments. The report was received and ordered filed and the Clerk directed to notify the petitioners.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between the old and new assessments, as follows:

To Henry Koch, main sewer, Third ward, $27 46.

To Dennis Byrnes, paving Montgomery street, $56 95.

To James Rouau, sewer in Palisade avenue and Hutton street, $443 60.

To Jacob Eichberger, paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, 90 cents.

To Jacob Eichberger, main sewer, Third ward, $24 70.

To F. Groschell, main sewer, Third ward, $10 74.

To Charles Reineman, paving, &c., New York avenue, Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, $2 16.

To Julius Groschelle, main sewer, Third ward, $102 61.

To Julius Groschelle, paving, &c., New York avenue, Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, $33 32.

To Charles Reineman, main sewer, Third ward, $19 70.

To Thomas Regan, main sewer, Ninth ward, $15 09.

To Lawrence Frank, improvement Bowers street, Palisade to Central avenue, $19 07.

To William A. Durrie, improvement Brinkerhoff street, Bergen to Crescent avenue, $392 06.

To G. D. Niehaus, paving, &c., New York avenue, Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, 60 cents.

To G. D. Niehaus, main sewer, Third ward, $25 34.

To Herman Masseman, main sewer, Third ward, $24 63.

To Valentine Geffinger, judgment, $206 23.

To John Regan, main sewer, Third ward, $56 92.

To J. E. Cronham, flagging, &c, Montgomery street, Jersey avenue to Mill Creek, $36 19.

To Alex. Hamilton, improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $41 38.

To F. Pfluger, main sewer, Third ward, $5 49.

To John Gruber, improvement Lexington avenue, South to North street, $210 10.

To Catherine Speer, improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $20 36.

To George F. Oakley, main sewer, Third ward, $44 20.

To Isaac Morrow, Sr, improvement Newark avenue, Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $39 3?.

To Jane Wright, improvement Oakland avenue, paving, flagging, grading, Hoboken avenue to Newark avenue, $14 02.

To Charles Reineman, main sewer, Third ward, $11 66.

All of the above schedules were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting certain transfers.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education rescinding resolution requesting the transfer of $75 from Janitors' Supplies of Dec., 1879, to same account for Jan., 1880.

All of the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1 Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to employ two firemen at High Service Pumping Station at a salary of $50 per month each.

2. Authorizing Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for repairing such parts of Grand street as the Committee think necessary, the same to be charged to Reconstruction account.

3. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for reconstructing and coping the parapet wall on Hoboken avenue from Palisade avenue to the foot of the hill, at a cost not to exceed $2,500.

4. Authorizing Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to contract with David Etling for finishing the 3d story of 3d Precinct police station; cost not to exceed $220.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported verbally on the resolution from the Board of Directors of Education rescinding resolution requesting transfer of $75 from janitors' supplies from December, 1879, to January, 1880, recommending that the same be placed on file.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $900 from the appropriation for the month of May, 1880, of the Committee on Lamps and Lights of the Board of Police Commissioners to the month of December, 1879; $600 from the appropriation for the month of April to the appropriation for the month of March, 1880; $1,300 from the appropriation for the month of June to the appropriation for the month of January, 1880; $1,000 from the appropriation for the month of July to the appropriation for the month of February, 1880.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $900 from the account of salaries of the year 1878-79 to general account of the same year of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of rents of the year 1879-80 to account of janitors's salaries of the year 1879-80 of the Board of Directors of Education.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Feb. 3, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for repairing such parts of Grand street as they may deem proper to be paid for from reconstruction account be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and taxation.

Resolved. That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Feb. 3, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and are hereby authorized to employ two firemen at high service pumping station at a salary of $50 per month each be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Feb. 3, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be and are hereby authorized to contract with David Ettling to finish the 3rd story of the 3rd precinct police station on Oakland avenue in the following manner: The same to be trimmed as the doors and windows on second floor and to have six inch base with mouldings on top and to paint and grain the same as other work in stories below at a cost not to exceed $420, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Jan. 20th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $91 50 be paid to John McLean for repairing hydrants, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, January 27th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $3 be paid to John English for stone to be charged to 1878-79; $10 75 to John Killeen for sharpening tools. 1878-79; $2 50 to Hosford & Sons for pencils to be charged to Engineering Bureau 1878-79; $17 50 to Hosford & Sons for legal cap, &c., to be charged to Engineering Bureau, 1878-79; $23 to Wm. Gaston for horse-shoeing to be charged to the appropriation for December, 1879-80; $14 50 to Haines & Hallock for shovels, &c., to be charged to appropriation for December, 1879-80; $4 50 to J. C. Gas Light Co. for gas consumed at stable to be charged to December 1879-80; $2 78 to Washburne & Bro. for cement and pipe to be charged to January, 1880: $1 70 to Washburne & Bro. for cement December, 1879-80; $12 to J. C. Paper Co., for cinders to be charged to Dec. 1879-'80; $285 65 to Washburne & Bro. for fire brick, &c.: $2 50 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., for short hose pipe; $4 39 to John Sheridan for repairing buggy; $197 33 to W. B. McDonald for lumber, &c., for Engine House at High Service; $176 10 to Davenport & Treacy Co., for hydrants, &c., $30 to Spielman & Brush for correcting maps; $20 to J. C. Gas Light Co., for gas in office Dec 1879; $15 20 to The Argus for printing manuals and advertising notice to persons having claims against the city to be charged January, 1880; $2 05 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising notice to persons having claims against the city to be charged to January, 1880; $1 80 to J. C. Herald for advertising notice to persons having claims against the city to be charged to January, 1880; $5 20 to Evening Journal Association for advertising notice to persons having claims against the city to be charged January, 1880: $5 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising for opening Randolph avenue from Cartaret avenue to Grand street to be charged to improvement; $4 50 to J. C. Herald for advertishing final map for improvement of Henderson street from Railroad avenue to Pavonia avenue, charged to improvement; $5 25 to N J. Freie Presse for advertising final assessment map for improvement of Henderson street from Railroad avenue to Pavonia avenue to be charged to improvement; $22 50 to Evening Journal Association for advertising opening of Randolph avenue from Cartaret avenue to Grand street to be charged to improvement; $20 to Evening Journal Association for advertising final map for improvement of Henderson street from Railroad avenue to Pavonia avenue to be charged to improvement; $5 25 to N. J. Freie Presse for advertising opening Randolph avenue from Cartaret avenue to Grand street to be charged to the improvement, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of Fuller's Paterson Express for the return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for twenty-six dollars in favor of Fuller's Paterfon Express, to return said amount, it having been paid in error on water rents of 1878 on lot 137, block 179, No. 32 Eighth street, the same amount having been previously paid for the same year on the same property.

The same committee reported on the report of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the Board of Public Works on the condition of Public School No. 9, recommending that the subject matter be referred to the City Architect with the request that he send to this Board as soon as possible a report of the condition of said building, and an estimate of the costs required to repair the same

The same committee reported on petition of Simon Gasick to have an error corrected in taxes, adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Drohan the requisition from the City Clerk for postal cards and printing and the claims of the N. J. Ice Co. and McAvoy Bros., were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of McAvoy Bros.:

Resolved, That the sum of $2 50 be paid to McAvoy Bros. for stationery furnished City Clerk, October 1, 1879.

On claim of the N. J. Ice Company:

Resolved, That the sum of $39 37 be paid to the N. J. Ice Company for ice furnished City Hall, December 1, 1878, to November 30, 1879.

On claim of Anness & Blauvelt:

Resolved, That the sum of $18 60 be paid to Anness & Blauvelt for repairs to stove, &c., in office.

On claim of Julius Jaecks:

Resolved, That the sum of $3 be paid to Julius Jaecks for repairs to clock in office.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars on account of county tax of 1879.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby requested to send to this Board scheduled statements of amounts due on petitions referred to him for differences between old and new assessments regarded by him at the present time as outlawed but presented to this Board and payment demanded within six years from the date of the payment of the old assessment.

By Mr. Taussig:

Whereas, John Gorman, appointed to examine the books of the late Water Registrar, John B. Haight, has been incapacitated by reason of ill-health from performing said service and it being important to avoid delay in the completion of said examination.

Resolved, That Mr Richard R. Ranken is hereby appointed to perform the services assigned to Mr. Gorman in his stead, and that the further services of Mr. Gorman are hereby dispensed with; and

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby fixed as the compensation in full for the services to be performed in such examination.

By Mr. Drohan:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of four hundred dollars from the appropriation for the month of December, 1879, to the appropriation for the month of February, 1880, of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 12th, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions were received from William Isbells, John Dunn and Jane Tuers for difference between the old and new assessment. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Harriette Wilmer requesting reductions from assessed valuations. Received and referred to the Assessor of the Sixth District.

Petition of Andrew H. Green et als, by Scudder & Vredenburgh, attorneys, requesting payment of the balance of a certain judgment recovered October 3d, 1879. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Charles H. Hartshorne, attorney, requesting that the Statutes of Limitations be waived in the complaint of Bunn vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel with power.

Petition of William Isbells requesting payment of money paid in error on water rents. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of Charles C. Becker for the return of $84 77 paid in error on personal tax of 1876; petition of D. A. Whalen for the return of money paid twice on taxes of 1873. Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John A. Whalen of $44 for ten tons of coal delivered at the City Hall, February 10, 1880; claim of Phillip Becker of $30 50 for chair for Comptroller and office table for Collector; claim of A. Stone of $3 25 for one pane of glass in office, January 8, 1880. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions for stationery were received from the City Collector, City Clerk City Comptroller and City Treasurer, all of which were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Official bond of James Lynch as Poundkeeper, in the sum of five hundred dollars, with Thos. McDermott and Owen McGovern as sureties. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account.		
" " Water account.....	$252,111 41	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, February 5th to 11th, 1880:

General tax account, total.....	$11,680 76
Assessment account, total.....	791 90
Water account, total.	812 44
Sinking fund, 1873, total...	5,516 00
" " 1876, total.....	1,279 01

The City Collector reported that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment map:

Improvement of Henderson street from Railroad avenue to Pavonia avenue, $2,861 35.

All of the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting transfer of $27 42 from election account of 1878 9 to the account for the relief of out door poor of the same year.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works enclosing petition of Peter Decker to have the yard of public school No. 20 put in a proper condition. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works appointing a committee to confer with a like committee from the Board of Finance and Taxation and Board of Aldermen in regard to moving the offices of the Board of Public Works to the City Hall.

In connection with the above Mr. Drohan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to act in conjunction with the Committee of the Board of Public Works to take into consideration a plan by which the Board of Public Works and Water Registrar's office may be located in the City Hall if agreeable to the Board of Aldermen.

Both resolutions were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works increasing the salary of the assistant to the clerk from $60 to $75 per month. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $73 30 from Engineering Bureau to salary appropriation. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Concurrent Resolution from the Board of Public Works, ordering paid certain claims. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing the amounts due for differences between the old and new assessments as follows:

To Fredericka Weiffenback, sewer in South street, $16 76.

To Christina Heppenheimer, flagging, curbing, &c., intersections of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road, $95 78.

To Susan Newhouse, paving, &c. New York avenue from Ferry to Griffiths streets and grading the same, 80 cents.

To Susan Newhouse, main sewer Third ward, $19 81.

To Christina Heppenheimer, paving, &c. New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith streets, 84 cents.

To E. Ritz, improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $41 06.

To John Montgomery, main sewer Ninth ward, $4 78.

To John Montgomery, improvement Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $28 27.

To Hannah Calvin, main sewer Third ward, $15 40.

To J. W. Curtis, main sewer Third ward, $22 72.

To Simon Hendrix, main sewer Third ward, $19 40.

To John R. Demarest, main sewer Third ward, $7 65.

To Edgar M. Eoff, main sewer Third ward, $7 46.

To John Wallace, main sewer Third ward, $1 83.

To A. Seigfreid, main sewer Third ward, $52 17.

To Christina Heppenheimer, main sewer Third ward, $20 45.

To John Monahan, improvement of Fairmount avenue from Summit avenue to Grand street, $40 59.

To Charles Fischer, main sewer Third ward, $42 61.

To J. W. Soper, improvement of Bergen avenue from Montgomery street to Newark Plank Road, $312 97.

To Christina Heppenheimer, main sewer Third ward, $2 46.

To Charles Krebs, main sewer Third ward, $25 04.

To Albert Corby, main sewer, Third ward, $9 56.

To Mary Damen, main sewer, Third ward, $54 67.

To George W. Heritage, main sewer, Third ward, $8 27.

To Peter Kurtz, main sewer, Third ward, $40 58.

To E. N. Wilson, main sewer, Ninth ward, Perry street to old City line, $44 28.

All the above schedules were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $27 42 from the account of elections of 1878 79 to account for relief of out-door poor of the same year, Board of Aldermen to pay claims heretofore incurred on the order of the Overseer of the Poor.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of of $73 30 from the account of Engineering Bureau for February. 1880, to the account of salaries of the year 1880, Board of Public Works to to pay salary of architect for month of February, 1880.

The same committee reported on claim of William Brinkerhoff, attorney, for taxed costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $12 79 be paid to William Brinkerhoff, attorney, for taxed costs in the case of Andrew Reid vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on petitions of Thomas Regan, Charles Reineman, Jane Wright, G. D. Niehaus, F. Groschell, William A. Durrie, Catherine Speer, Herman Masseman, Dennis Byrnes James Rouan, Alexander Hamilton, Charles Reineman, William Frost, G. D. Niehaus, George Kirkland, Isaac Morrow, Sr., J. E. Cronham, John Gruber, Henry Koch, Jacob Eichberger, Julius Groschell, George F. Oakley, Jacob Eichberger, Charles Reineman, Lawrence Frank, John Regan, Julius Groschell, Valentine Geffinger, F. Plufger, all for the return of difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Regan for the sum of $15 09, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 8, block 527, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Reineman for the sum of $11 66, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 4, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jame Wright for the sum of $14 02, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Oakland avenue, flagging, paving and grading, Hoboken to Newark avenue, on lot 4, block 530, said warrant to be used only in paving taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds: provided, however, if said Jane Wright be married her husband must receipt for said warrant before delivery.

Resolved, That a warraut be drswn on the City Treasurer in favor of G. D. Niehaus for the sum of sixty cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving flagging, curbing and grading intersections of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, on lot 151, block 747, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of F. Groeschell for the sum of $10 74, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 20 and 21, block 829, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William A. Durrie for the sum of $392 06, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Brinkerhoff street from Bergen avenue to Crescent avenue, on lots Nos. 34 and 35, block 414, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in father of Catherine Speer for the sum of $20 36, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on east half of lot 15, block 137, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, said warrant not to be delivered unless her husband join in receipt.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Herman Masseman for the sum of $24 63, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward. old Hudson City, on lot 148, block. 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Dennis Byrnes for the sum of $56 95, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving of Montgomery street, from Cornelison to Summit avenue, on lots 10, 12, 14 block 221, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James Ronan for the sum of $443 60, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Hutton street, on lots 34 and 35, block 749, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Alexander Hamilton for the sum of $41 38, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to Old Jersey City line, on lot 21, block 241, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Reineman for the sum of $19 70, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, Old Hudson City. on lot 112, block 758 said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor Wm. Frost for the sum of $1,125 81, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Fairmount avenue, from Summit, to Grand, on lot 86 to 104 inclusive, block 347 12 to 14 inclusive, block 350 11 to 22 inclusive, 353, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, said warrant not to be delivered until the suit now pending in the Hudson Circuit Court in regard to the above matter be discontinued.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of G. D. Niehaus for the sum of $25 34 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 152, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Kirkland for the sum of $177 85 being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in South street on lots 133 to 135, block 783, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Issac Morrow, Sr., for the sum of $39 30 being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot part 6, "C" block 525, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. E. Cronham for the sum of $36 29 being the difference between the old and new assessment for flagging, &c., Montgomery street, from Jersey avenue to Mill Creek on lot 22, block 307, said warrant to used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John P. Gruber for the sum of $210 16 being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improve-

ment of Lexington avenue from South to North streets, on lots 103, 104 and 105, block 794, said warrant to used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Koch for the sum of $27 46, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 142, block 742, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Eichberger for the sum of ninety cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, flagging, curbing and grading intersections of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, on lot 147, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Julius Groschell for the sum of $33 32, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, and grading the same, on lots 97 and 98, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George F. Oakley for the sum of $44 20, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 1 and 2, block 785, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Eighberger for the sum of $24 70, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 147, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or asses ments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Reinmann for the sum of $2 16, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith street, on lot 112, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Lawrence Frank for the sum of $19 07, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bowers street, from Palisade to Central avenue, on lots 32 and 33, block 763, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Regan for the sum of $56 92, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 57 and 58, block 772, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Julius Groschell for the sum of $10 61, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 19 and 20 and 97 and 98, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Valentine Geffinger for the sum of $206 23, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Hutton street and sewer in Palisade avenue, from Ravine road to South street, on lot 41, block 749 said warrant to be used in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction piece, approved by the Corporation Counsel, is filed with the City Clerk,

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of F. Pflenger for the sum of $5 49, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 114 block 829, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Phillip Frank for the sum of $16 83, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bowers street (late Van Vorst) from Palisade to Central avenue, on lots 27 and 28, block 763, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported verbally on the following resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that they be placed on file, to wit:

1. Resolution authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for removing the wooden pavement on Wayne street and Mercer street and replacing with Belgian block. Adopted March 11, 1879.

2 Fixing compensation for the Commissioners of Assessment. Adopted May 20, 1879.

3. Notification of probable gross amount of money required for the three months of January February and March, 1880. Adopted Jan. 6, 1880.

4. Notification of probable gross amount of money required for months of July, August and September, 1879. Adopted July 8, 1879.

5. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for removing the wooden pavement on Grand street, and replacing the same with Belgian block. Adopted March 11, 1879.

6. Authorizing committees of the Board of Works to expend certain moneys for incidental expenses and matters not heretofore concurred in. Adopted Sept. 2, 1879.

7. Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Sewers to advertise for proposals for taking up pavement on South side of Grand street and repaving the same with Belgian block. Adopted Nov 18, 1879.

8. Notification of amounts to be expended by the several committees of Board of Works, adopted December 2d, 1879.

The same committee reported on petition from the Central Railroad Co. of N. J., recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of "The Central Railroad Co., of N. J.," for the sum of two hundred and thirty-one and fifty-two cents, said amount being overpaid by said corporation to the Water Registrar in its bill for measured water for month ending October 1st, 1879, said warrant to be used only in paying water rents now due or to come due.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, January 27th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $125 be paid to Mathew Ahern for salt hay, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation:

On claim of Henry O'Neill:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, December 30, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $300 be paid to Henry O'Neill for carting 1,000 yards of rock out of reservoir No. 3, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

ON MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 3, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That $7 50 be paid to Geo. Wood for coal; $4 25 to Geo. Wood for coal; $127 16 to Wm. Runkle for 4-20 bonds; $3 to W. S. Wiltshire for glass; $65 to Anthony Dwyer for painting, &c., at stable in Wayne street, to be charged to December, 1879-80; $78 89 to A. A. Donnelly for plumbing work at office to be charged to January, 1879-80; $51 50 to Donnelly Bros. for repairing furnace at office to be charged to January 1879-80; $8 to C. Merry for repairing pump on Rock street; $5 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for opening Randolph avenue, from Grand street to Myrtle avenue; $5 to J L McGimpsey for posting notices for improvement of Henderson street, from Railroad avenue to Pavonia avenue; $2 to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for Ogden avenue sewer, from Franklin to Ferry street; $2

to J. L. McGimpsey for posting notices for opening and changing as to boundaries Ocean avenue, from property of S. B. Vreeland to Avenue C; $3 80 to W. H. Ware for repairing rubber boots to be charged to January, 1879-80; $114 18 to W. B. McDonald for lumber and work at reservior No. 3; $10 75 to Hodgeman & Co. for rubber boots and coat at Belleville, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the aves and nays on each of the above reports and resolutions, the reports were received and the recommendations and resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims of A. Stone, Philip Becker and J. A. Whalen, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of $3 25 be paid to Alena Stone for putting in one pane of glass in office of Board of Finance and Taxation, to be charged to appropriation for 1878-79.

Resolved, That that the sum of $20 50 be paid to Philip Becker for furniture for the Comptroller's and Collector's offices, to be charged to appropriation for 1878-79.

Resolved, That the sum of $44 be paid to J. A. Whelen for ten tons of coal delivered at City Hall, February 10, 1880

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Committee of the Whole reported on the resolution from the Board of Public Works in reference to its removal to the City Hall, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of three (3) be appointed to act in conjunction with the committee of the Board of Public Works to take into consideration a plan by which the Board of Public Works and Water Registrar's office may be located in the City if agreeable to the Board of Aldermen.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The President appointed Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Smith as the special committee above referred to.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 19th, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of William E. Cushing, James Coghlan, Joseph Warren, Margaret E. McGown, Joseph Whitecar, George Brand and Enos A. Pyle, E. A Jacques, Mary McLaughlin, C. Jacobs, Margaret Neilson, Catherine A. Beekman, Edward Cullen, Jacob Ammon, Dorothea Schaffer, Christopher Wintschel, George Heck, John Muller, Wm. Opitz, Christian Werner, H. Pattberg, William Becker and J. G. Breakey, all for return of difference between old and new assessment. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Moses P. Smith, Attorney of William H. Dunster for adjustment of assessment. Communication from Mary Campbell to have the warrants ordered drawn to her favor for difference between the old and new assessment cancelled, and requesting the Board to order new warrants drawn to the order of Charles Clinton, executor of estate of Francis Campbell, deceased. Both the above communications were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Frank L. Clark, Attorney, of $14 86, being amount of taxed costs in the case of George Kirkland vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; claim of The Argus of $49 for official printing and printing manuals, pages 98 to 116.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all accounts in the city depositories at the close of bus ness this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account.		
" " Water account.....	$249,048 32	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, February 12th to 18th, 1880, both days inclusive:

General tax account, total.....	$19,610 51
Assessment account, total.....	1,096 30
Water account, total.	12,270 81
Sinking fund, 1873 total...	119 00
" " 1876, total.....	489 76

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Invitation from the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs of the Board of Public Works requesting the Board to be present at the trial of the new pumping engine at High Service on Monday, February 23rd, 1880. The invitation was received and accepted.

Requisition for stationery was received from R. R. Ranken and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to pay to Esther A. Bramhall the sum of $1,581 98, being amount of award for lands taken in opening and extending Jackson avenue from Ege to Myrtle avenue. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, ordering paid certain claims, was referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules of amounts due for differences between the old and new assessments as follows:

To Mary E. Thayer for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $125 06.

To William E. Fleming for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $41 60

To M Marsman for main sewer Third Ward, $21 1.

To. J. J. Bouton for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $22 72.

All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the official bond of James Lynch as Poundkeeper, in the sum of five hundred dollars, with Thos. McDermott and Owen McGovern as sureties, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to make the following transfers for the Board of Directors of Education to wit:

Committee on Books, Stationery and Music—$500 from December, 1879, to February, 1880; $500 from January, 1880, to February, 1880.

Committee on Furniture, Repairs, Stoves, &c.—$420 92 from December, 1979, to February, 1880; $250 99 from January, 1880, to February, 1880.

Committee on Printing and Blanks—$40 83 from December, 1879, to February, 1880; $83 33 from January, 1880 to February. 1880.

Committee on Janitors and Janitors' Supplies—$83 33 from December, 1879, to February, 1880; $83 33 from January, 1880, to February, 1880.

Committee on Rentals—$183 33 from December, 1879, to February, 1880; $183 33 from January, 1880, to February, 1880.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works on the payment of the claim of Esther A. Bramhall, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Esther A. Bramhall for the sum of fifteen hundred and eighty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents, in full for the amount of award made for lands taken, owned by her, in the opening and extension of Jackson avenue from Ege avenue to Myrtle avenue, inclusive of interest; and

Resolved, That said warrant be not delivered before a good and sufficient deed for the lands so taken be executed by the said Esther A. Bramhall, approved by the Corporation Counsel and filed with the City Clerk.

The same committee reported on claim of Frank L. Clark, attorney, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen 86-100 dollars be paid to Frank L. Clark, attorney, being the amount of taxed costs in the case of George Kirkland vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on petitions of Albert Corley, John Monahan, Simon Hendrix, J. W Soper, Fredericka Weieffenback, John Wallace, Hannah Colvin, Charles Fischer, John Montgomery, John W. Curlis, A. Siegtried, Charles Kreus, Mary Dammon, George W. Heritage, Peter Kurtz, John R. Demarest, E. N. Wilson, Christiana Heppenheimer, Susan Newhouse, E. Retz, Edgar M. Eoff for difference between the old and new assessment recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Albert Corley for the sum of $9 56, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 23, block 743, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved. That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Monahan for the sum of forty 59 100 dollars, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Fairmount avenue from Summit avenue to Grand street, on lot 13, block 347, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor Simon Hendrix for the sum of nineteen 40-100 dollars, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third Ward, old Hudson City, on

lot 64, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. W. Soper for the sum of $312 97, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bergen avenue, from Montgomery street to Newark plank road, on lots 1, 2, 3 4 and 5, block 230, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Fredericka Weiffenback for the sum of $16 76, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in South street, on lots 453, 454 and 455, block 817, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds; the receipt for said warrant to be signed by Fredericka Weiffenback as executrix or administratrix, as the case may be, and that if the said Fredericka Weiffenback be remarried her husband must join in receipt.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Wallace for the sum of $1 83, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 16 and 17, block 775, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Andrew and Hannah Colvin for the sum of $15 40, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, Old Hudson City, on lots 11 and 12, block 785, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Fischer for the sum of $42 61, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Ninth ward, from Ferry street to old city line, on lot 32, block 518, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Montgomery for the sum of $4 78, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 1 and 22, block 531, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. W. Curtis for the sum of $22 72 being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 121, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. Siegfried for the sum of $52 17, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 30 and 31, block 775, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Krebs for the sum of $25 04, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 35 and 82, block 748, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mary Dammon for the sum of $54 67, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 143 and 144, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds; provided, however, if the said Mary Dammon be married her husband must receipt for said warrant before its delivery.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George W. Heritage for the sum of $8 27, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 28 to 31, 20, 19, 4, 3, 40, 39, block 811, 17th, 11th and 18th, block 810, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Peter Kurtz for the sum of $48 58, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 38 and 39, block 775, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John R. Demarest for the sum of $7 65, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 18, block 785, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. N. Wilson for the sum of $44 28, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Ninth ward, from Perry street to old city line.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Christinia Heppenheimer, executrix or administratrix of Frederick Heppenheimer, deceased, for the sum of $96 78, being the difference between the old and new assessment for flagging, curbing, &c., intersections of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine Road, on lots 14, 38, 39, 40 and 41, block 714, said warrant to used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, the receipt for said warrant to be signed by Christina Heppenheimer as executrix, and in her individual capacity.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Susan Newhouse for the sum of $19 81, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 76, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds, provided if said Susan Newhouse is married her husband shall receipt with her for said warrant.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Christina Heppenheimer, executrix of the estate of Frederick Heppenheimer, deceased, for the sum of $20 45, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 70, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds, the receipt for said warrant to be signed by Christina Heppenheimer as executrix and in her individual capacity.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Montgomery for the sum of $28 27, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lots 1 and 22, block 531, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments, or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Christiana Heppenheimer, executrix of the estate of Frederick Heppenheimer, deceased, for the sum of eighty-four cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same on lot 70, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Susan Newhouse for the sum of eighty cents, being the difference between old and new assessment for paving &c., New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street and grading the same on lot 76, block 738, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. Ritz for the sum of $44 06, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 7, block 249, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes for assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Edgar M. Eoff for the sum of $7 46, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 57, block 797, lot 91, block 796, lot 142, block 786, lots 101 and 102, block 794, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Christina Heppenheimer, executrix of estate of Frederick Heppenheimer, deceased, for the sum of $2 46, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 14 and 15, 34 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41, block 714, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 11, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $213 31 be paid to Warner & Carscallen for feed for street department horses, charged to January, 1880; $53 68 to Claus Prigge for feed, charged to January, 1880; $197 88 to H. R. Worthington for valve weights, &c.; $147 80 to H. R. Worthington for labor and materials at Belleville; $30 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to Telegraph, December, 1879; $30 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph, January, 1880; $84 02 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company for bolts, nuts, &c.; $94 16 to J. H. Campbell for packing, &c., at high service; $19 to Dugan & Fitzsimons for feed for pipe yard horses; $145 to Thomas Sheridan for carting iron pipe; $10 11 to M. T. Maloney for plumbing work; $75 62 to David Ettling for carpenter work charged to January, 1880; $28 to H. J. Callo for insurance on station house; $4 25 to N. J. Freie Presse advertising notice of vacation of Maiden Lane from Summit avenue to Orchard street, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Feb. 3d, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $121 10 be paid to J. W. Campbell for plumbing work and materials at Reservoir No. 3, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of Daniel A Whalen, to have an error corrected on taxes of 1873, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Daniel A. Whalen for the sum of forty-seven 56-100 dollars to return said amount, it having been paid in error to the City Collector on taxes of 1873, on lot 18, block 185 Henderson street, the said amount having been twice paid by the said Daniel A. Whalen as certified by the Collector; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

The President having called for the aves and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of The Argus recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $49 be paid to The Argus for official printing and printing manuals, pages 98 to 116 inclusive.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 26, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for differences between old and new assessments were received from M. B. Applegate, William Collard, Matilda P. Applegate, Sarah Flynn. James Sweeney, Nicholas Robins, H. Hashue. G. H. Gaitman, Fred Diglestadt, Canad Bezee, H. Comens, John Brambach, William Schaff. All were referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of S. Garrick to have an error corrected on taxes of 1872. Petition of Bernard McAnally to have description of property corrected on the City Collector's books from 1873 to 1878 inclusive. Both petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Abraham Van Horn of $62 89, being amount of taxed costs in the case of Wm. Frost vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; claim of Henry Traphagen of $40 15, being amount of taxed costs in the case of Myles Tierney vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; claim of William McAdoo of $33 48, being taxed costs in the case of William T. Ard vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of John C. Gopsill of $23 89 for postage stamps furnished City Collector and Comptroller; claim of B. F. Corduan of $2 75 for one new lock furnished City Collector's office, November 24th, 1879. Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " assessment account		
" " water account,....	}	$247,683 69
" " sinking fund, 1873..		
" " sinking fund, 1876..		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the city treasury February 19th to 25th, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$6,152 20
Assessment account, total.....	2 546 18
Water account, total	838 56
Sinking fund, 1873, total.....	96 00
" " 1876, total.....	114 79

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Official bond of Frederick Haag as Poundkeeper, in the sum of $500 with Anton Weiler and John Knoblock as sureties. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Directors of Education requesting transfer of $49 10 from the account of Heating and Ventilating to the account of Printing and Blanks for the fiscal year of 1878-79. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the petition of Peter Diller and others for the changing of grade on Zabriskie street, from the west side of Nelson avenue to the west side of Western avenue.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 40 minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the official bond of Frederick Haag as Poundkeeper, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported on claim of Abraham Van Horn, attorney, for taxed costs in the case of William Frost, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Abraham Van Horn, attorney, for the sum of $62 89, being the taxed costs in two cases in the Hudson Circuit Court wherein William Frost was plaintiff and The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City were defendants, the said suits having been discontinued.

The same committee reported on the claim of William McAdoo, attorney, for taxed costs in the case of William T. Ard, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William McAdoo for the sum of $33 48, being taxed costs in the case of William T. Ard vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Directors of Education, requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $49 10 from the account of Heating and Ventilating to the account of Printing and Blanks of the fiscal year of 1878-79 of the Board of Directors of Education.

The same committee reported on petitions of M. Massmann, Wm. E. Fleming, J. J. Bouton, Mary E. Thayer and Mena Closs, all for difference between the old and new assessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of M. Massmann for the sum of $21 20, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 173, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. E. Flemming for the sum of $41 60, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 19, block 241, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. J. Bouton for the sum of $22 72, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 20, block 313, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mary E. Thayer for the sum of $125 06, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line on lots assessors Nos. 2,474, 2,475, 2,476, 2,477 and 2,478, block 137, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds. The receipt for said warrant to be signed by Mary E. Thayer and if she be married, by her husband.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mena Clos, executrix of P. Clos, deceased, for the sum of $41 52 being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line on lot 18, block 313, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 17th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $4 90 be paid to John A. Vill for repairing harness, to be charged to January, 1880; $20 60 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, &c., January, 1880; $11 90 to James Muldoon for blacksmith work, January, 1880; $58 to James Hetherington for feed, January, 1880; $36 07 to John Dickson for feed, January, 1880;

$295 06 to Dewitt Wire Cloth Company for wire screens; $49 24 and $45 74 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company for machinery supplies; $3 50 to John A. Vill for blanket; $21 25 to Jordan Stationery Company for stationery; $170 72 to William B. McDonald for labor and materials at Reservoir No. 3; $112 16 to Egar & Roberts for labor and materials at Pipe Yard; $275 to M. Farley for express wagon; $73 64 to J. F. Maxwell for feed; $128 85 to Joseph Wilson for blacksmith work; $125 to John McLean for 20-inch valve; $76 16 to George A. Wood for pure gum, &c.; $31 05 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, &c.; $37 50 to R. A. Randall & Son for repairing harness, &c.; $2 95 to George A. Wood for combs, brushes, &c., Dec., 1879-80; $3 to E. Losey for ice, Dec., 1879-80; $4 to E. Losey for ice, January, 1880; $32 60 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery, Jan., 1880; $13 70 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery, Jan., 1880, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, February 17th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $185 be paid to Patrick O'Connor for 74 days' work, at $2 50 per day, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on the claim of Herman F Stoveken, recommending that it be returned to the Board of Public Works for correction.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of February, 1880, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of February, 1880, when due, viz:

Henry J. Hopper, Mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, $200; Samuel C. Nelson, City Comptroller, $200; James H. Love, City Collector, $200; Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, $333 33; Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, $125; Wm. Stevens, Clerk to Comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow Jr., Clerk to Treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, Clerk to Board Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector, $100; Clerks to Collector—S. D. Dickinson, $60; Seneca Barker, $60; Louis E. Smith, $60; John T. M. Kaylor, $60; Charles Krebs, $60; John Kennedy, $60; James E. Connolly, $60; Patrick O'Neill, Messenger, $60; William H. Powell, Marshal 2d District Court, $60; Clerks to City Clerk—Thos. K. Halstead, $60; N. E. Furey, $60; A. L. Sears, $60; Assessors, $108 33—Michael Kilcauley, 1st district; Denis McLaughlin, 2d district; Hugh Dugan, 3d district; Martin Logan, 4th district; John M. Park, 5th district; James C. Clarke, 6th district; the Evening Journal printing minutes, $208 33; The Argus, printing minutes, $208 33; Ann Norton, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $25; Bridget Parker, cleaning rooms in City Hall, $25.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the committees was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of B. F. Corduan:

Resolved, That the sum of $2 75 be paid to B. F. Corduan for one lock furnished office of the City Collector, November 24th, 1879, the same to be charged to appropriation for 1878-79.

On claim of John G. Gopsill:

Resolved, That the sum of $23 84 be paid to John G. Gopsill for postage stamps furnished offices of the City Collector and Comptroller.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Andrew H. Green, executor, for the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty-one 12-100 dollars, being the amount of balance due on a certain judgment obtained in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of Andrew H. Green et als vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, the full amount of said judgment being for $9,157 26, the sum of $7,554 76 having been previously ordered paid on account of the total amount of said judgment; the warrant ordered by this resolution to be in full for said judgment and interest to date, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

By Mr. Taussig:

Whereas, The expenditure for each committee of each Board in the city is limited for every month during the ensuing fiscal year and in order that unnecessary and numerous transfers may be avoided; be it

Resolved, That every Board is hereby authorized to make use of any unexpended balance remaining to the credit of any of the several committees from one month to another during said fiscal year the balance remaining from the appropriation of one month to be added to the appropriation of the month next ensuing.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the following amounts to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for March, 1880:

On General account	$5,751 60
On Assessment account	1,592 50
On Water account	17,500 00

By Mr. Mullins:

Resolved, That the sum of $60 be paid to Walter Kissam for services rendered by him to the City Comptroller during the month of February, 1880.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 4th, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the two (2) last regular meetings was dispensed with and they were approved a printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Wm. J. Smith, Benjamin F. Welsh and R. M. Jourdan for rebate on old assessments. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of P. N. Horsley to be appointed Assessor of the Fifth District. Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Argus of $50 for corporation advertising. Claim of Thomas Earle of $14 40 for disbursements. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Henry Traphagen of $508 07 for taxed costs in Chancery cases Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the total amounts of receipts of the city treasury from February 26th to March 3d, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total	$12,856 33
Assessment account, total	1 411 80
Water account, total	10,734 70
Sinking fund account, 1873, total	6,817 92
" " 1876, total	179 96

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all the accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account, " assessment account, " water account, " sinking fund, 1873, " sinking fund, 1876	$206,358 86

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Statement of the City Comptroller showing the receipts and expenditures of the city government for the year ending November 30, 1879. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the clerk of the Board of Public Works together with a certified copy of an act entitled an act to authorize and regulate the appointment and employment of officers, agents and employes by municipal Boards in cities. The communication together with the act were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, Feb. 26, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of William Isbills, by McGill & Taylor, attorneys, states that he paid an assessment for paving Hudson avenue, amounting to $225 09 on August 12, 1871 The above assessment has been set aside by the Commissioners to adjust unpaid assessments. Under the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeal in the case of Edwards, Pitffs, &c., vs. Jersey City, the petitioner cannot recover the difference between the old and reassessment. Therefore I advise you not to grant the prayer of the petitioner. John Haughey petitions to have refunded difference between old and reassessment for main sewer Third ward. The City Collector certifies that the petitioner has not even paid the old assessment. Therefore I advise that you do not grant the prayer of the petitioner.

I return petitions of Isbills and Hughey.

Respectfully submitted.

LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, placed on file and the petioner to be notified.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works rescinding the resolution ordering paid the claim of H. F. Stoveken. Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required by the Chief Engineer. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between the old and new assessment:

To Antonette Watjen main sewer Third ward, $99 41.

To Jacob Koch, main sewer Third ward, $5 12

To J. Breakey, improvement Bowers street, $3 47.

To Antonette Watjen, paving, &c., New York avenue, $45 12.

To A. D. Joslin, improvement Bergen avenue, $12 06.

To August Borchert, main sewer, Third ward, $5 50.

To John Dunn, improvement of Newark avenue, Five Corners to old city line, $9 34.

To Samuel Martin, main sewer, Third ward, $15 99.

All received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petitions of Charles Spielmann and Charles J. Dallory, for difference between the old and reassessment, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Spielmann for the sum of $176 21, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., Palisade avenue, from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road, and grading the same, on lots 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23, block 251-704, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles J. Dallory for the sum of $19 37, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 50, block 775, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously,

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Feb. 26, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $5 38 be paid to Washburne & Bro. for vitrified pipe January 1880; $23 50 to Hodgman & Co. for rubber coats and boots, Jan. 1880; $56 55 to H. R. Worthington for water meter, &c.; $12 75 to John Headden Jr for wood at high service: $33 36 to Steele & Condict for turning bolts, &c.; $62 74 to J. H. Campbell for packing, etc. for Belleville; $9 30 to Washburne & Bro. for brick and cement for high service; $146 25 to National Meter Co. for meters; $31 55 to Jordan Stationery Company for stationery; $15 to The Argus for advertising location of Malden lane from Summit aveue to Orchard street; $26 to The Argus for printing manuals, charged January 1880, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of Phillip Becker for return of money paid in error on taxes recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warraut be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Phillip Becker for the sum of eighty-four dollars and seventy-seven cents [$84 77] to return said amount, it having been paid in error to the City Collector February 11, 1880, on personal tax for the year 1876, said personal tax having previously been paid January 27, 1877.

The same committee reported on petition of Wm. Isbills for the return of money paid in er-

for on water rents recommeding the adoption of the following,resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. Isbills for the sum of five dollars and fifty cents [$5 50], it having been paid in error by him on water rents of 1879 on lots 24 and 26, block 190, Glenwood avenue, the same amount having previously been paid.

The same committee reported on petition of S. Garrick for the return of money paid on property not owned by him adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims of The Argus for printing and Thomas Earle for incidental expenses recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

On claim of The Argus:

Resolved, That the sum of $50 be paid to The Argus for official printing and advertising Comptroller's notice.

On claim of Thomas Earle:

Resolved, That the sum of $14 40 be paid to Thomas Earle, Treasurer, for incidental expenses.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MICELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board held February 26th, 1880, a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Andrew H. Green, Executor, for the sum of $1,621 12, which was supposed to be in full payment of a certain judgment obtained in the N. J. Supreme Court in favor of the said Andrew H. Green against the city: and

Whereas, An error was made in the calculation of the interest on the total amount; be it

Resolved, That the further sum of $147 06 be paid to Andrew H. Green, Executor, which shall be in full for said judgment.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the official bond of W. W. Ruggles, Chief Engineer, be and is hereby fixed by this Board at fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.)

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General account to Assessment account as a loan.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 11, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Louis Palmer, John Haughy, H. F. Mahnken, Charles L. Woolsey, William J. Smith, all for return of difference between old and new assessments. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of John Edelstein for exchange of Ravine road sewer improvement certificates for Jersey City bonds. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Official bond of W. W. Ruggles in the sum of $50,000 as Chief Engineer with Henry Lembeck, Richard C. Washburn, Myles Tierney and Patrick Cogan as sureties. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance

Petition of Samuel Bridgart to be appointed assessor of the First District. Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Petition of Nellie Rogers for return of excess of money paid in error on water rents. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions

Petition of E. T. Corwin for return of money paid in error on taxes. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the New Jersey Freie Presse of $3.25 for corporation advertising. Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from John E. Scott, City Clerk, asking this Board to appoint a time for the destruction by fire of a number of bonds accumulated in the vault which had been exchanged for registered bonds Received and referred to the Committee on Finance

The City Treasurer reported total balance in the city depositories at the close of business March 11, 1880, to be $189,573.67.

The City Comptroller reported a total of $10,111.79, receipts of the city treasury March 4th to March 10th, 1880, both days included Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works authorizing Committee on Water Rates and Assessments to purchase $25 worth of horse car tickets for the use of the Water Assessor and assistants. Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims Both received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to pay the interest on judgment claims of Myles Tierney and Dennis Byrnes. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $73 30 from appropriation of Engineering Bureau for the month of March, 1880, to the appropriation for salaries for the month of March, 1880. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Requisition from the City Marshal for wood for City Hall.

Requisition from the City Clerk for warrant and bond books. Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The following schedules were received from the Corporation Counsel showing amounts due petitioners for difference between and old and new assessments:

Christopher Wintchel, main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, $19 55. William H. Collard, main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, 24 cents. H. Pattberg, main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, $21 87; H. Comens, main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, $19 40; Henry Hoehne, paving &c., New York avenue, ferry to Griffith street, and grading same, $1 59; Conrad Beyer, main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, $24 67; Henry Hoehne, main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, $21 50; George Heck, main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, $30 72; D. Scheppler, main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, $26 57; William Becker, main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, $7 07; Jacob Ammar, main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, $21 46; William Opitz, main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, $40 89; Susan Gail, improvement of Palisade avenue, Grand to Crawford street, $22 32; J. G. Breakey, main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, $2 63; George H. Carrick, improvement Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, $40 58, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

The Committee on Finance reported on the official bond of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer, recommending that the bond be approved and filed and copied in the bond book. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The same committee reported on petition of John Edelstein recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a bond be issued by the corporation of Jersey City to John Edelstein in the place and stead of improvement certificates issued by the Ravine Road Sewer Commissioners, numbered 84, 90, 148, 151, 155, 156, 165, 167, 168, said bond to be of the denomination of fourteen hundred and eighty-two dollars and thirteen cents, that being the aggregate amount of said improvement certificates to be due and payable in two years from its date and to be dated April 17, 1879. Said bond is issued under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the continuation of the Ravine road sewer in the city of Jersey City and the city of Hoboken, approved March 9, 1877," said bond to bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, and upon its delivery the said improvement certificates shall be cancelled by the City Comptroller.

The same committee reported on petition of Robert Muirhead recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a bond be issued by the corporation of Jersey City to Robert Muirhead in the place and stead of an improvement certificate issued by the Ravine Road Sewer Commissioners, numbered 55, said bond to be of the denomination of $1 000, that being the amount of the improvement certificate to be due and payable in two years from its date, and to be of even date with said improvement certificate.

Said bond is issued under the provision of an act entitled "An act to provide for the continuation of the Ravine road sewer in the city of Jersey City and the city of Hoboken," approved March 9th, 1877, and to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum; and upon its delivery the said certificates shall be cancelled by the City Comptroller.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer the sum of $73 30 from the account of Engineering Bureau of March 1880, to account of salaries of the same month, Board of Public Works.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the report of the committee was received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 2, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $5 75 be paid to J. B Cleveland for recording papers, $12 55 to F. P. Noonan for repairing carts; $28 to Wm. Gaston for horse shoeing; $30 to Wm. P. Morris for repairs to telegraph lines; $166 53 to John V. Condon for flagging boiler room at high service: $74 69 to G. W. Heritage for painting at high service;

$468 to Steele & Condict for turning bolts, etc.; $8 52 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank, etc.; $2 65 to N. J. Freie Presse advertising notice to foundrymen; $6 50 to the Argus; $14 50 to H. F. Stoveken for plumping work; 85 95 to Jordand Stationery Company for stationery; $141 to Jordan Stationery Company for stationery; $112 to Anthony Dwyer for painting outside of office of Board of Public Works, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of the N. J. Freie Presse recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $3 25 be paid to the N. J. Freie Presse for corporation advertising.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig and adopted:

Whereas, By the exchange of coupon for registered bonds a large amount of coupon bonds have accumulated in the vault of the City Clerk's office; therefore,

Resolved, That such bonds and all others accumulated from like sources be burned under the direction of the Board of Finance and Taxation, in the presence of his Honor the Mayor, the City Comptroller, City Treasurer, Water Registrar and City Clerk, on Tuesday, March 16th, 1880, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and that a detailed statement of said bonds duly certified by said officials be filed in the office of the City Comptroller, City Treasurer, Water Registar and City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Taussig the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 18, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—M. Drohan.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for return of differences between old and new assessments were received from the following persons: C. E. Peirson, P. Jackson, John Hawkins, Sarah J. Jackson, Rebecca R. Gaynor, Sarah S. Daman, Millissa Heritage. On motion they were referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition from Frank L. Clark, Attorney for Annie M. Laverty, Bergen Library Association and others requesting payment of certain claims Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Gregory & Co., James R. Thompson & Co., Charles Somers, Rouse & Co. Jersey City Pottery, Joseph H. Gautier, D. Smith, David Taylor, William Clarke, Daniel C. McNaughton, John Lamb E. W. Kingsland, Jacob C. Ringle, A. A. Hardenbergh, Peter Curley, E W. Hope, requesting this Board to appoint Samuel Bridgart assessor of the First District. Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Communication from Robert Muirhead requesting payment of interest on Ravine Road sewer improvement certificate. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from the trustees of Laura A. Delano requesting the exchange of coupon bonds to Registered bonds. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Allan L. McDermott of $87 41 for disbursements as Corporation Attorney. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Collector enclosing tax bills against the Erie Railroad Company for three years last past and balance due on three years prior to that time, accompanied by a letter from B W. Spencer, treasurer of the company, in which he refuses to pay the same on the ground that the State Assessor, James S. Yard, has failed to assess them. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The City Treasurer reported the sum of $193,523 52, as the balance in the city depositories at the close of business March 18, 1880,, to the account of the city.

The City Comptroller reported the sum of $10,345 50, as the total amount of receipts of the City Treasury, March 11th to 17th, 1880.

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Water Registrar stating that since the date of his last report the following list of water rents had been placed in his hands for collection:

Measured water quarter ending Feb. 1, 1880	$5,794 85
Measured water month ending Feb. 1, 1880	11,257 33
Measured water month ending March 1, 1880	11,675 38
Total	$28,727 56

Received and ordered filed.

OPINIONS FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, March 5, 1880.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The petition of Matilda B. Applegate, which has been referred to me, requests your Board to return the difference between old and new assessment. The property for which the petitioner was assessed was for the improvement of Cambridge avenue, formerly Franklin street. The City Collector certifies that the assessment has not been set aside. I therefore advise that you do not grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C. C.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Jersey City, March 13th, 1880.

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The claim of James M. Brann has been referred to me requesting the payment of $200 for damages to his property situate at the corner of Second and Brunswick streets, caused by the change of grade of that street.

Mr. Ruggles reports to me that the Commissioners of Assessment reported July 9th, 1853, awarding Mr. Brann $200; that the Board of Public Works confirmed the grade, but never ordered the award to be paid and that he does not know the reason therefor. My opinion is that the statute of limitations is a bar to this claim unless your Board chooses to waive the same.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, C C.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting a transfer of $500 from Committee on Lamps and Lights to Committee on Salaries, Station Houses and Prisons, 1879-80. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Opinion from the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, March 13, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—The petition of Moses P. Smith, attorney for William H. Dunster, of St. Petersburg, Russia, in reference to certain land of his taken for the opening of Ocean avenue. My information from Mr. Ruggles herewith sent you is that the land was taken by the authorities of Greenville for the opening of Ocean avenue and that there is no record of any award having been made for it. If the facts set forth in the petition are true Mr. Dunster is entitled to his land and could recover it in an action of ejectment. The difficulty in paying him anything for it, even if the facts are true, is that there is no appropriation for this purpose at present which the Board of Works can use, that Board being the proper one to make the payment if anybody does.

You might place in your next tax levy money to pay this claim if your Board shall upon investigation ascertain it to be just and can agree upon the price with Mr. Dunster's attorney. I would advise that your Board appoint a committee to confer with Mr. Dunster's attorney and see if you can agree upon the value of the land taken and if so then refer the matter again to me and I will put it in proper shape for the city. Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petition of the Trustees of Laura A. Delano to have exchanged coupon for registered bonds, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That one registered bond or bonds (old form,) equivalent to the sum of eight thousand dollars ($8,000), be issued by the Mayor, Water Registrar and City Clerk; under the corporate seal of the city to Franklyn H Delano, John Carey, Jr., and Charles F. Southmayd, Trustees for Laura A. Delano, in exchange for water bonds or scrip and due January 1st, 1891, for said amount held by said Trustees and which are now in coupon form, such exchange being for the better safety and convenience of all concerned; said registered bond or bonds to be made payable at the same time and to bear interest at the same rate as said coupon bonds or scrip.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners, requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be, and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $500 from the account of the Committee on

Lamps and Lights to the account of Committee on Salaries, Station Houses and Prisons of the Board of Police Commissioners.

The same committee reported on claim of Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, for disbursements, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, for the sum of eighty-seven dollars and forty-one cents ($87 41), being for disbursements and expenses incurred in by him as Corporation Attorney from November 5th, 1879, to March 18th, 1880.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting payment of interest on judgment obtained in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of Myles Tierney recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Traphagen, Attorney for Myles Tierney for the sum of $162 56 being for amount of interest and costs due on a judgment obtained in the New Jersey Supreme Court by Myles Tierney vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, February 24th, 1880, for retained percentage on the contract for the improvement of Ocean avenue from Myrtle avenue to Atlantic street.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of the Public Works requesting the payment of interest and costs on judgment obtained in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of Dennis Byrnes recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Abraham Van Horn, Attorney, for Dennis Byrnes for the sum of ninety-three dollars and sixty-eight cents ($93 68), being amount of interest and costs included in a certain judgment obtained in the New Jersey Supreme Court for retained percentage, on contract numbered 235 for the construction of Bowers street sewer

The same committee reported on petitions of A. D. Joslin, Conrad Beyer, J. G. Breakey, Christopher Wintchell, Samuel Martin, George Heck, William Becker, John Dunn, Jacob Ammon, J. G. Breakey, George H Garrick, Henry Helme, Jacob Koch, William Opitz Susan Gale, Henry Helme, Emilie Heintz, Hilarius Pattberg, Antoinette Watjen, William H. Collard, Jessie M. Knott, Antonnette Watjen, August Barchert, H. Commens, Dorothea Schafler, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. D. Joslin for the sum of $12 06, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Bergen avenue from Montgomery street to Newark plank road, on lots 5, 6 and 7, block 278, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Conrad Beyer for the sum of $24 67, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 207 and 208, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. G. Breakey for the sum of $3 47, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Bowers street (late Van Vorst street) from Palisade to Central avenue, on lot 7, block 773, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Christopher Wintchel for the sum of $19 55, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 61, block 738, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Samuel Martin for the sum of $15 99, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 13 and 14, block 771, said warrant to be used only in paving taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Heck for the sum of $30 72, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 188, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. Becker for the sum of $7 07, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 257, block 746, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrrnt be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Dunn for the sum of $9 34, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot 12, block 532, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Ammon for the sum of $21 46, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 172, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J G. Breakey for the sum of $2 63, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 7, block 773, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Carrick for the sum of $40 58, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old Jersey City line on lot 14, block 136½, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Hoehne for the sum of $1 59 being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of New York avenue from Ferry to Griffith street, paving and grading the same on lot 164, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jacob Koch for the sum of $25 12, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, on lot 87, block 748, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Opitz for the sum of $40 89, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward old Hudson City, on lots 11 and 12, block 771, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessment or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Susan Gale for the sum of $22 32, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue from Grand to Crawford streets on lots 17, 19, 21 and 23, block 286, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, If the said Susan Gale be married her husband must join with her in receipting for said warrant before delivery.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Hoehne for the sum of $21 50, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 164, block 737, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Emilie Heintz for the sum of $58 99, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 1, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds, provided, however, if the said Emilie Heintz be married

her husband shall join in receipting for said warrant before delivery.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hilarius Pattberg for the sum of $27 87, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 141, block 747, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Antonette Watjen, executrix of estate of John Watjen, deceased, for the sum of $90 41, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lots 117 and 118, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds. The receipt for said warrant to be signed by Antoinette Watjen as executrix of estate of John Watjen, deceased, and also by the widow of John Watjen.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William H. Collard for the sum of twenty-four cents, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer, Third ward, old Hudson City, on lot 60, block 785, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jessie M. Knott and James Craig, executrix and executor of Jane Boyle, deceased, for the sum of $42 10, being the difference between the old and new assessment for improvement of Newark avenue, from Five Corners to old Jersey City line, on lot assessor's No. 2,424, block 170, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Antoinnette Watjen, executrix, &c., of estate of John Watjen, deceased, for the sum of $45 12, being the difference between the old and new assessment for paving, &c., of intersections of New York avenue, from Ferry to Griffith streets, and grading the same, on lots 117 and 118, block 757, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds. The receipt for said warrant to be signed by Antoinnette Watjen as executrix and also by the widow of John Watjen

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of August Barchert for the sum of $5 50, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 373, block 821 and 822, and lots 26 and 27, block 771, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Doreathea Schafler for the sum of $26 56, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lots 259, 260, 261, 262, block 746, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds. If the said Doreathea Schafler be married her husband must join in receipting for said warrant before delivery.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of H. Commens for the sum of $19 40, being the difference between the old and new assessment for main sewer Third Ward, old Hudson City, on lot 113, block 758, said warrant to be used only in paying taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Taussig and Smith.

Absent—Mr. Droban.

The same Committee reported on the statement of the City Comptroller, showing the receipts and expenses of the City Government (exclusive of water account) for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1879, recommending that the same be received, placed on file and spread at large on the minutes.

The following is a copy:

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present to your Board the Receipts and Disbursements of the City Government (except Water Account) for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1879:

Receipts, General Account, from December 1, 1878, to November 30, 1879.

Cash on hand December 1, 1878				$198,099 79
Received from Morgan street dock	$5,474 16			
" sewer permits, street refuse, &c.	1,852 60			
" night soil scow charged to corporation	94 16			
" licensed venders' plates	190 10			
" board of patients at hospitals	152 86			
" sales for taxes to other than treasurer	397 48			
" district court fees	1,882 46			
" lamp post broken	28 50			
" sale unclaimed property P. B.	5 80			
" ordinances, Board of Aldermen	122 00			
" sale Oakland avenue police station	91 00			
" rent engine house, Essex street	150 00			
" books lost Board of Education	49 24			
" sale old material Fire Board	1,114 31			
" returned licenses from 1873 account	140 00			
" " printing water account	25 50			
" " surplus Board of Education	58			
" " " interest transferred back	2 01			
"			$11,772 76	
" school money (Kingsland)			11,772 80	
" taxes, 1879	$402,425 84			
" " 1878	703,139 12			
" " 1877	148,551 42			
" " 1876	59,996 38			
" " 1875	43,899 75			
			1,358,012 21	
" water account loan			53,000 00	
" sinking fund 1873 loan			45,000 00	
" " " 1876 "			42,000 00	
" banks and others "			355,000 00	
" sale funded debt bonds			727,573 68	
				2,604,131 45
Total				$2,802,231 24

Disbursements, General Account, December 1, 1878, *to December* 1, 1879.

Warrants issued previous to Dec. 1, 1878. Still outstanding at that date....		$81,830 70
Still outstanding at Dec. 1, 1879.....	4,801 22	
Warrants canceled.....	66 75	
Paid Dec. 1, 1878, to Dec. 1, 1879.....	76,962 73	
		81,830 70

Schedule "A."

Warrants paid were as follows:

Board of Works, 1876 and 1877.....		2 30
" " 1877 and 1878.....		5,32[illegible] 54
" Aldermen, 1877 and 1878		4,351 95
" Police, 1877 and 1878.....		33,901 24
" Fire, 1877 and 1878.....		12,922 50
" Education, 1877 and 1878.....		15,638 31
" Finance, 1877 and 1878		4,819 89
Schedule A. Total.....		76,962 73
Warrants issued from Nov. 30, 1878, to Dec. 1, 1879...	$1,965,37[illegible] 67	
" outstanding Dec. 1, 1879.....	$237,798 20	
" canceled.....	31,873 68	
" paid Dec. 1, 1878, to Dec. 1, 1879.....	1,695,701 79	
		1,965,373 67

Schedule "B."

Warrants issued, less amount canceled, were as follows:

Board Works streets and sewers 1877 and 1878.....	$248 37
" " printing and stationery 1877 and 1878...	268 10
" " public grounds and buildings 1877 and 1878.....	436 25
" Aldermen, out door poor 1877 and 1878.....	5 00
" " printing, stationery and supplies 1877 and 1878.....	156 18
" " rent armories and supplies 1877 and 1878.....	247 33
" " public grounds and buildings 1877 and 1878...	151 69
" " elections 1877 and 1878.	506 50
" " district court 1877 and 1878.....	1,283 62
" Police, salaries, station houses and prisons 1877 and 1878.....	430 81
" " hospital and dispensaries 1877 and 1878.....	93 74
" Fire, claims 1877 and 1878.	2,859 35
" Finance, printing, stationery and supplies 1877 and 1878.....	268 54
" Education, repairs and furniture 1877 and 1878.....	138 00
" " rentals, 1877 and 1878.	74 00
" " janitors' supplies, 1877 and 1878.....	49 17
" " salaries (fixed by court), 1876 and 1877.....	5,796 26
" " " 1877 and 1878.....	50 00
" " printing and blanks, " "	3 00
" " free library, " "	23 87
Board Works, streets and sewers, 1878 and 1879.	71,551 28
" " salaries, " "	5,654 86
" " public grounds and buildings, 1878 and 1879...	4,722 01
" " printing and stationery, " "	1,228 09
" " engineering bureau, " "	10,068 52
Board Aldermen, out door poor, " "	16,938 46
" " printing, stationery and supplies, 1878 and 1879.....	2,329 32
" " rent armories and supplies, " "	2,615 34
" " salaries, " "	4,333 32
" " public grounds and buildings, " "	1,772 22
" " public bath, " "	356 45
" " Fourth of July and Decoration Day, 1878 and 1879.....	1,151 40
" " district court, " "	7,869 76
" " elections, " "	3,465 62
" " police justices, " "	4,583 26
Board Police, salaries, " "	140,879 52
" " station houses and prisons, " "	11,162 52
" " lamps and lights, " "	84,785 86
" " hospital and dispensaries, " "	20,450 07
Board Fire, salaries, " "	73,120 26
" " claims, " "	15,011 21
Board Education, salaries, " "	170,600 00
" " rentals, " "	742 00
" " printing and blanks, " "	1,490 19
" " free library, " "	823 48
" " janitors' supplies, " "	1,087 72
" " census, " "	1,000 00
" " high school, " "	189 55
" " repairs and furniture, " "	7,933 65
" " books, stationery and music, " "	7,668 63
" " heating and ventilating, " "	8,333 76
Board Finance, salaries, " "	46,752 83
" " claims, " "	10,761 56
" " printing, stationery and supplies, " "	3,797 69
Oakland avenue police station...	3,812 20
School house No. 21.....	13,361 08
Morgan street dock	1,890 87
Assessment claims account	8,443 23
Judgment claims account	1,640 45
Licenses returned not granted.....	140 00
Taxes returned paid in error.....	713 32
Redemptions returned paid in error.....	83 93
E. W. Kingsland, county collector's account, 1875.....	34,000 00
" " " 1876.....	34,000 00
" " " 1877	42,000 00
" " " 1878.....	90,000 00
" " " State and county, 1878.....	133,327 04
Loans assessment account.....	495,750 00
Loans water account.....	61,000 00
Interest general account	254,515 67
Transfer to correct error between interest and general account.....	2 01
" " " assessment and "	500 00
Total.....	$1,933,499 99

Less warrants outstanding December 1, 1879, as follows:			
Board Works, sundry accounts	$7,232 43		
" Aldermen, "	6,783 57		
" Police, "	65,555 62		
" Fire, "	7,246 35		
" Education, "	8,676 82		
" Finance, "	8,926 37		
" " county collector	133,327 04		
		237,798 20	
Schedule B. Total			1,695,701 79

Recapitulation, Warrant Account.

Warrants out Dec. 1, 1878, issued previous	$81,830 70		
" issued Dec. 1, 1878, to Dec. 1, 1879	1,965,373 67		
		2,047,204 37	
" paid Dec. 1878, to Dec. 1, 1879	$76,962 73		
	1,695,701 79		
" canceled Dec. 1, 1878 to Dec. 1, 1879	66 75		
	31,873 68		
" outstanding Dec. 1, 1879	4,801 22		
	237,798 20		
		2,047,204 37	
Payments by other than warrants, as follows:			
Temporary loan bonds		775,000 00	
Interest on temporary loans 1877 and 1878		7,060 81	
" " " 1878 and 1879		71,174 51	
" loans, fund of 1773 for 1877 and 1878		18,884 95	
" " " 1876 for 1876 and 1877		4,525 07	
Funded debt bonds		142,625 00	
Redemption of lots		350 14	
" certificates of value		1 40	
			1,019,621 88
Total payments			$2,792,286 40
Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1879			9,944 84
Grand total			$2,802,231 24

Assessment Account, Receipts from Dec. 1, 1878, to Nov. 1, 1879.

Balance in city treasury Dec. 1, 1879			$5,277 93
From assessment collections		$76,661 77	
" " interest collections		8,505 36	
" deposits for street openings		975 00	
			86,142 13
" general account loan			495,750 00
			$587,170 06

Assessment Account, Disbursements.

Old Bergen bonds		$50,000 00	
Ravine road sewer bonds		13,453 00	
Improvement certificates		33,500 00	
Interest on bonds		424,235 00	
" ravine road sewer bonds		2,045 03	
" improvement certificates		2,791 71	
Return of deposits		1,125 00	
Commissioners of assessments		2,985 00	
Warrant for December interest		45,500 00	
Sundries paid by assessments		6,934 80	
Balance in city treasury		4,600 52	
			587,170 06

Receipts of Sinking Fund of 1873.

Balance in city treasury December 1, 1879	14,796 21
From taxes of 1872 and previous	26,305 98
" interest on bonds	48,234 95
" fines and licenses	32,848 80
" interest on redemptions	5,001 63
" tax sales	488 35
	$127,675 92

Disbursements, Sinking Fund, 1873.

Paid old Jersey City bonds	25,000 00	
" old city Bergen bonds	5,000 00	
" old Hudson City bonds	11,000 00	
" old Greenville bonds	28,500 00	
" licenses returned	140 00	
Loan at 6 per cent	45,000 00	
Balance in city treasury	13,035 92	
		127,675 92

Receipts of Sinking Fund of 1876.

Balance in city treasury December 1, 1879	$17,175 00
From taxes of 1873	24,049 61
" " 1874	38,152 81
" interest on bonds	4,525 07
" " redemptions	113 78
" printing tax sales	174 50
	$84,181 77

Disbursements, Sinking Fund, 1876.

Paid interest on 400,000 revenue bonds	$28,000 00	
December interest on 400,000 revenue bonds	14,000 00	
Loan at 6 per cent	42,000 00	
Balance in city treasury	181 77	
		$84,181 77

Very respectfully,
S. C. NELSON, Comptroller.

JERSEY CITY, March 4th, 1880.

The President having called for the ayes and nays, the report of the committee was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan,

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works October 28th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for building a gate house, screen house and bridge from screen house to the bank at Reservoir No. 3, at a cost not to exceed $4,000, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 3d, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for reconstructing and coping the parapet wall on Hoboken avenue, from Palisade avenue to the foot of the Hill, at a cost not to exceed $2,500, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 9th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $17 50 be paid to Hodgman & Co., for rubber boots and coats, 1880; $2 10 to W. H. Ware, for repairing rubber boots: $56 71 to Claus Prigge for feed; $50 to F. H. Spengeman for rent of stable; $30 50 to John A. Vill for repairing harness; $8 75 to W. N. Hogan for coal at stable; $37 53 to C. A. Woolsey for paints and oils; $11 94 to Haines & Hallock for rope, twine, &c., $183 79 to Warner & Carscallen for feed; $60 90 to Thos. F. Noonan for repairing carts, &c; $86 96 to C. A. Woolsey for pig lead: $17 79 to C. Breune for braces, bolts, &c.; $18 55 to Thomas F. Noonan for blacksmith work; $2 25 to John A. Vill for whip; $18 50 to C. A. Woolsey for oils, &c.; $40 13 to McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Co., for machinery supplies; $323 40 to McCoy & Co., for pig lead; $38 42 to R. D Wood & Co., for sleeves; $290 to R. D. Wood & Co., for Eddy valves; $21 40 to H. F. Stoveken for plumbing work; $5 40 to Andrew McAra for charcoal; $5 85 to Charles Mullback for plumbing work; $45 63 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed; $21 50 to John Lynch for blacksmith work; $194 81 to Daniel F. Buckley for carpenter work at pipe yard; $156 40 to Davenport, Treacy & Co., for pipes and sleeves; $66 55 to W. N. Hogan for coal in office, 1880; $9 53 to C. L. Woolsey, for matches and brooms, 1880; $62 60 to John W. Harrison for stationery for Engineering Bureau; $12 50 to The Argus for advertising vacation of Maiden Lane; $12 to The Argus for printing manuals; $4 25 to W. N. Hogan for coal; $34 80 to R. H. McFarland for printing and stationery; $13 to R. H. Worthington for piston rod, &c, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of Nellie Rogers for the return of money paid in excess on water rents for the years 1874-75-76 77 and '78, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Nellie Rogers for the sum of seventeen dollars and, fifty-six cents ($17 56), said amount having been paid in excess on water rents for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878, on lot 72, block 639, as per statement of the Water Registrar hereto annexed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Water Registrar, be notified.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That until further instructions are given to these officers by this Board the City Collector and Treasurer be, and they are hereby authorized to receive in full payment of past due taxes or assessments, the amount of said taxes or assessments together with accrued interest after the rate of seven per centum per annum (and cost of sale in such cases as property has been sold on account of said taxes or assessments, and purchased by any officer of the city as such), in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled an act relative to interest on arrears of taxes and assessments in incorporated cities, approved March 10th, 1880; and

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby directed to give notice of the passage of this resolution by advertisement in the official papers.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved. That the Corporation Counsel is requested to furnish to this Board his opinion of the constitutionality of an act entitled an act relative to interest on arrears of taxes and assessments in incorporated cities," approved March 10th; 1880.

By Mr Taussig:

Whereas, At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation, John T. Van Cleef was regularly appointed to act as Clerk of said Board and has satisfactorily performed the duties of said office, therefore be it

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in his favor for the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars in full payment for his services as such clerk.

By Mr. Taussig;

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Timothy Long, City Marshal, for the sum of thirty dollars for services rendered the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of R. R. Ranken, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars on account of amount agreed to be paid to him for examining the books of the late Water Registrar.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby authorized to receive from the N. Y. L. E. and W. R. R. the sum of $690 with interest from February 26th, 1880 (date of presentation of bill), being amount of taxes on Pavonia Horse Railroad Co. for year 1879.

The President having called for the yeas and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Mullins, Smith and Taussig.

Absent—Mr. Drohan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 25th, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present--All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for difference between the old and new assessment were received from Delos Culver, Gustave Hill, Frank Beckman, William Koven, Henry Grunthal and Isaac States, all of which were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Lyman Fisk, J. H. Gautier & Co., Bennington Randolph, Colgate & Co., Gregory & Co., F. O. Matthiessen and others to have Michael Kilcauley reappointed Assessor of the First Aldermanic District Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Petition of Henry Detwiller to have taxes reduced on certain property for the years 1872 to 1878, inclusive. Petition of Cyrus B. Elsworth (Collins & Corbin, Attorneys) for the return of money claimed to have been paid in error on personal taxes for the years 1876, 1877 and 1878.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Collins & Corbin of $114 56 for taxed costs in four cases vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel

Claim of Lansing Zabriskie of $19 64 for taxed costs in the case of the State, Jacob Weart acting executor, &c. vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Claim of Lansing Zabriskie of $19 24 for taxed costs in the case of the State, Lansing Zabriskie, executor, &c,. vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Claim of John McGuigan of $112 50 for services as Marshal of the First District Court from May 1st to June 14th, 1879. All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of Henry Traphagen of $115 45 for taxed costs in certain cases vs The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Claim of Henry Traphagen of $388 40 for taxed costs in certain cases vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Both the above claims were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Claim of Charles Scott for $4 85 for carpenter work at City Hall from Dec. 16th, 1879 to Jan. 15th, 1880. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Jerrey City, March 22, 1880.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen:—I have had submitted to me a communication from Charles Clinton, executor of Francis Campbell, deceased, stating that at a meeting of your Board held January 15th, certain warrants were ordered to be drawn in favor of Mary Campbell, administratrix, for $133 17 and for $34 02, to return the differences between the old and new assessment against the estate of Francis Campbell, deceased, and stating that she is not entitled to the same as he is the executor I have also a statement signed by Mary Campbell asking your Board to cancel these warrants and stating that Mr. Clinton is entitled to the same as executor and waiving all right in his favor. Upon the above facts I advise your Board to pass a resolution rescinding the vote by which the resolution of January 15th, 1880, was adopted and also the passage of a resolution directing the payments to be made to Charles Clinton, executor of Francis Campbell, deceased.

Respectfully submitted,
LEON ABBETT, Corporation Counsel.

I return herewith the two communications referred to in the above opinion.

The opinion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, March 18 to 24, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total	$7,086 64
Assessment account, total	2,434 70
Water account, total	3,671 60
Sinking fund, 1873, total	355 12
" " 1876, total	469 14

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account, " " Assessment account, " " Water account, " " Sinking Fund, 1873, " " " 1876	$194,803 17

Both reports were received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board a schedule containing the amount due for differences between the old and new assessment as follows:

To C. W. Spellmeyer, for sewer in South street, $2 13.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $200 from Committee on Printing and Stationery to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings for 1879-80 for the purpose of paying fire insurance. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Extensions and Distributions to advertise for proposals for digging trenches and laying waterpipe for one year.

2. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for about 7,000 tons of coal at Belleville and High Service Station.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

By Mr. Taussig and carried:

Moved, That we do now return to official communications.

The following report was received from the City Comptroller, and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered spread at large on the minutes. The following is a copy of the report:

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I find by my books that your Board has sold from April 29, 1879, to March 6, 1880, $1,353 000 of funded debt bonds dated February 1, 1879, 30 years to run, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and the amount realized for the same was the sum of $1,291,331 17

Less interest due bonds to date of sale 57 391 89

Leaving as the net amount $1,233,939 28

realized from the sale of the above bonds.

This is equal to the rate of 91¼ per cent. on the entire sale. Your Board have paid during the above period in addition to the ordinary municipal expenses and exclusive of water account, as follows:

Temporary loans	$700,000
Assessment bonds (old Bergen)	50,000
Improvement certificates and interest	106,590
Ravine Road Sewer bonds and interest	26,558
Warrants for salaries and claims out standing, commencement fiscal year.	242,599
Money in City Treasury (exclusive of water)	153,493
	$1,279,240

In addition to this amount your Board has also paid during the above period $68,079 interest on its bonds exclusive of interes on water bonds which has been paid out of water account. The interest in the tax levy fiscal year of 1878-79, was only $315,539, but in the tax levy for 1879-80, it is $800,000, which will fully meet the interest during the fiscal year, ending Dec. 1, 1880.

Respectfully, S. C. NELSON.

By Mr. Taussig and carried.

Moved, That we return to reports of Standing Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the following:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Finance, in view of certain false statements published in two or three New York papers in reference to the action of your Board in selling funded debt bonds of Jersey City, deem it proper to make a report to the Board, although the facts stated herein are well known to the Committee, all financial questions being discussed in the Committee of the Whole, consisting of all the members. Under the authority of resolutions of your Board, of which copies are hereto annexed, there have been sold between April 29th, 1879, and March 6th, 1880, $1,353,000 6 per cent. funded debt bonds. The bonds were not ready for delivery until June 24th, 1879, although some of them had been sold in anticipation of their preparation as early as April 29th, 1879. Temporary bonds had been issued under an agreement to be replaced by funded debt bonds when prepared and ready for delivery. The city was paid for these bonds the sum of $1,291,331.17. From this amount is to be deducted the sum of $57,391.89, being the interest due to the holders of the bonds as delivered with coupons on, leaving the net sum realized by the city on the sale of these bonds $1,233,939.28, being 91¼ per cent. of the entire issue of $1,353,000. It is well known to your Board that according to the report of the Comptroller made to your Board December 19th, 1878, the temporary loan account amounted to $1,257,000, that in the later part of April, 1879, there was due and pressing for payment the following amounts:

Due the Importers' and Traders' National Bank	$200,000
Due the Equitable Life Assurance Society	125,000
Due the Hudson County National Bank	95,000
Due the Second National Bank	95,000
Due for salaries, claims and other matters up to May 1st over	200,000
Total	$715,000

In addition to this the interest falling due May 1st (exclusive of water interest, which was provided for by water account) was over $116 000.

There was also falling due during the remainder of the fiscal year ending December 1st, 1879, exclusive of water account, over $400,000 additional interest and $50,000 of bonds falling due in July, 1879, making a total of nearly $1,125,000 to be provided for prior to December 1st, 1879, in addition to the ordinary expenses of the city government. The Legislature had reduced the rate of interest from seven to six per cent. and the seven per cent bonds were then selling in the market as low as 82.

The failure of the city of Elizabeth to meet its obligations and the fear in the minds of many capitalists, some of whom were connected with our own institutions, rendered it almost impossible to dispose of six per cent. bonds and maintain the credit of the city. The city also labored under the disadvantage that under the change of the law in New York many of its monied institutions which had formerly invested in our city bonds were precluded from further investments therein. All the members of the Board determined that the proper policy to pursue was to pay the interest on the city debt and maintain its credit at any reasonable sacrifice. They all believed that default in the payment of the city obligations would be disastrous to every business interest of the city and depreciate the value of every piece of real estate within it. The present condition of the city of Elizabeth would probably have been our own condition if the efforts of this Board had not been successful. The Board called in also the assistance of its banking institutions and the citizens and tax payers, and in accordance with their advice reductions were made in the city expenditures of over $190,000 per annum and every effort was made to dispose of the six per cent. bonds under the act of April 5, 1878, (laws of 1878 page 401), so as to meet the over due accounts and put the entire debt of the city in long bonds instead of leaving so large an amount in temporary or short loan account. The Board further determined that instead of only raising about $320,000 for interest account, trusting to collections from assessments for money to pay the balance of interest that they would place in the next tax levy, the full amount necessary to pay all the interest on the city debt, leaving whatever collections should result from assessment account to go into the sinking fund for the reduction of the debt.

The increase of the city debt, as shown by the report of the Comptroller submitted to the Board January 8th, 1880, had increased $1,115,000 during the past 5 years by depending on assessments collections instead of upon taxation to pay a large portion of the interest on the city debt. In accordance with this policy there was placed in the tax levy $800,000 for interest, nearly $500,000 more to be raised by tax for that purpose than had been raised in the previous year, and as the result of the reduction in expenditures and the increase of tax to pay the interest they made a tax levy of $28 per thousand. This rate would have been much less if it were not for the fact that over $20,000,000 of corporate property is exempt from city taxes; this rate also includes State and county tax. The total amount of money paid during the period that this money was borrowed, to wit: From April 29th, 1879, to March 6th, 1880, was in addition to the ordinary municipal expenditures, and the money expended on water account the sum of $1,125,747 and a further sum of $698,079 for interest or a total of $1,823,826. as will appear by the report of the Comptroller. There is also in the City Treasury $153,493 exclusive of water account. The official quotations of the New York Stock Exchange prior to the sale of $730,000 of Funded Debt bonds in January, 1880, was 95 per cent. We also annex to our report other quotations and letters to the same effect. The sale of the six per cent. bonds had the effect of increasing the confidence of the public in Jersey City bonds and almost immediately thereafter the price of seven per cent. bonds began to advance so that the quotation of the New York Stock Exchange for 7 per cent. bonds January 19th, 1880, was 93 and January 20th. was 97½. The actual difference in value between a six per cent. and a seven per cent. long bond is ordinarily per cent. so that if a seven per cent. bond brought 95 the real value of a six per cent. bond would only be 85. The actual quotations of the two classes of bonds to-day show a difference of 9 per cent. At the time the large sale was made in January there was no quotations for 6 per cent. bonds at all. Although gauged by the then ruling price of 7 per cent. bonds it would not have been over 85 or 86 for the 6 per cent. bonds. The price which the committee obtained was the highest price that could be got; every effort was made by the committee and by parties connected with our city banks by interviews with capitalists and bankers and parties seeking investments in bonds to get the best terms possible for the city and your committee believe that they did obtain the best possible price at that time. It is true that the value of these bonds has enhanced since the sale in January, but this is due to the fact that the city has funded its debt and has demonstrated its ability and intention to faithfully meet its obligations. In reference to the insinuation contained in some of the published articles that some of the members of the Board of Finance have been pecuniarily interested in the bonds or profits which might arise therefrom your committee have only to say that such insinuations or charges are malicious falsehoods without one particle of evidence to support them and they confidently believe that every citizen in this community who has knowledge of the efforts of the committee and of the Board and of those who acted with them have entire confidence in the honesty and integrity of this committee and believe that the Board

acted for the best interests of this city in all that it did.

Respectfully submitted,
ISAAC W. TAUSSIG,
M. M. DROHAN,
S. H. SMITH,
JOHN MULLINS,
MARCUS BEACH,
Committee on Finance.

The following is a copy of a resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation authorizing the issue of funded debt bonds, adopted at a meeting held May 15, 1879, and approved by the Mayor May 16, 1879.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Resolved, That coupon funded debt bonds of Jersey City of one thousand dollars each, bearing date February 1, 1879, with interest coupons attached bearing six per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually—February 1 and August 1—be issued under the act of April 5, 1878, the bonds to be issued under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the Comptroller; the bonds to be payable February 1, 1909, and that the same be sold by the Finance Committee to such an amount from time to time as shall be necessary to fund the temporary debt of Jersey City.

Resolved, That registered funded debt bonds be issued instead of coupon bonds whenever desired by the purchaser.

The following is a copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Finance and Taxation at its meeting held October 25, 1877, authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes and assessments and approved by the Mayor October 29, 1877.

JOHN T VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time such amounts as may be necessary and needed for the purpose of paying maturing obligations the said money to be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of taxes and assessments and the sale of bonds, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign such bond or bonds as may be required, and the City Clerk to affix the corporate seal thereto.

The following communication was received by your committee.

"We are knowing to the efforts made by the Committee on Finance of the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City, for the sale of six per cent. funded debt bonds during the past ten months and believe that the price obtained for the bonds was the best possible price to be obtained at the time, and that we believe that it was for the best interest of Jersey City that they should accomplish a sale

[Signed] WILLIAM HOGENCAMP,
President second National Bank.
A. A HARDENBERGH,
President Hudson County National Bank.
F. O. MATTHIESSEN,
Matthiessen & Wiechers Sugar Refining Co.
BENNINGTON F. RANDOLPH."

The following communications have been received by your committee and are respectfully submitted.

Communication from F. O. Matthiessen:

Jersey City, March 24, 1880.

I. W. Taussig, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—As you requested me in your note of to-day to state at what price I have bought 7 per cent. J. C. bonds. I beg leave to say that Mr. Weichers and myself have bought 7 per cent bonds at 82 and that we had some offered to us a few days later at 79 Last summer I bought some more at 90½, but could have bought some at 92. I have sold some since, (about two weeks ago) at 105, the sale of the 6 per cent bonds has restored confidence in the bonds. Before the sale of the 6 per cent. bonds, or rather at about the time of the sale, the best offer that I could get was 95. I can't give you the dates as I have the memorandum at 106 Wall street. If you desire the dates I will get them for you. Yours truly,

F. O. MATTHIESSEN.

Communication from A. Wallach of A. Wallach & Co., 11 Maiden Lane, N. Y.:

I. W. Taussig, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your inquiry I have sold on January 2d, 1880, to August T. Post, Esq, $30,000 Jersey City 7 per cent. bonds at 96¾, Yours truly,

A. WALLACH.

Communication from A. Backer, commission merchant, 39 Worth street:

New York, March 24, 1880.

J. W. Taussig, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—In reply to your inquiry whether I had sold any Jersey City 7 per cent. bonds I would say I sold a lot in December last at 95½ and interest. Yours truly,

A. BACKER.

Communication from George K. Sistare's Sons, bankers, 17 Nassau street:

New York, March 25th, 1880.

I. W. Taussig, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—We purchased and sold Jersey City 7 per cent bonds during December, 1879, and January, 1880, at 95, 97 and 98 per cent. The bonds matured at various dates from 1891 to 1905. Respectfully,

GEORGE K SISTARE'S SONS.

Communication from J. & W. Seligman & Co., Bankers:

New York, March 25th, 1880.

I. W. Taussig, Esq.:

DEAR SIR--In reply to your inquiry we would state that we bought December 22, 1879, $5,000 Jersey City Improvement 7 per cent. 1891 at 97 and interest January 7th, 1880, $23,000 Jersey City Improvement 7 per cent. 1891 at 97¼ interest. Yours respectfully,

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO.

Your committee would also submit for the information of the Board copies of official quotations of the New York Stock Exchange of January 12, 19 and 20, 1880, in particular, showing the quotations for Jersey City seven per cent. improvement bonds, taken from the official report of the New York Stock Exchange sales:

On January 12, 1880, Jersey City 7 per cent. improvement bonds were quoted at 95 (bid), 100 (asked).

On January 19, 1880. Jersey City 7 per cent. improvement bonds were quoted 96 (bid)

On January 20, 1880, Jersey City 7 per cent. improvement bonds were quoted 97½ (bid).

Also on December 29, 1879, Jersey City 7 per cent. improvement bonds were quoted 96 (bid).

On January 3d, 1880, Jersey City 7 per cent. improvement bonds were quoted 97 (bid).

On January 9th, 1880, Jersey City 7 per cent. improvement bonds were quoted 95 (bid), 100 (asked).

On January 12th, 1880, they were quoted 95 (bid), 100 (asked).

On January 13th, 1880, they were quoted 95 (bid).

Your Committee respectfully submit the foregoing communications and quotations in connection with their report.

ISAAC W TAUSSIG,
M. M. DROHAN.
S. H SMITH
JOHN MULLINS,
MARCUS BEACH:
Committee on Finance.

In connection with the above report Mr. Drohan offered the following motion:

Moved, That the report of the Committee on Finance, with the documents accompanying the same, be filed and entered at large on the minutes and that the action of the committee be and the same is hereby ratified and approved.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above motion it was adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on claims of Lansing Zabriskie for taxed costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Lansing Zabriskie for the sum of $19 24, being taxed costs in the case of the State Lansing Zabriskie executor vs. the Mayor and Alderman of Jersey City in the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Lansing Zabriskie for

the sum of $19 64, being taxed costs in the case of the State (Jacob Weart acting executor, &c.) vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works February 24th, 1879, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the report of the Committee on Streets and Sewers upon the petition and consent of Peter Dillar and others, presented to the Board of Public Works on the 24th day of February, 1880, for the change of grade on Zabriskie street, from the west side of Nelson avenue to the west side of Western avenue, be and is hereby accepted by this Board, which hereby declares that it favors said petition and the same is hereby referred to Commissioners of Assessment and W. W. Ruggles, surveyor, he being a discreet surveyor and not interested in said improvement, to be proceeded with according to law, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 16th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $13 96 be paid to James Muldoon for blacksmith work; $4 56 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank; $3 25 to New Jersey Freie Presse for advertising for proposals for paving Grand street, to be charged to reconstruction account; $51 31 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons for feed for Belleville; $19 30 to Washburne & Bro. for cement, &c; $14 to Charles Eisen for regulator, &c.; $31 07 to McCoy & Co. for pig lead; $36 48 to Vanderbeek & Sons for spruce plank; $9 to Mathew Abearn for salt hay; $23 to John Lynch for blacksmith work; $482 09 to William Runkle for cast iron water pipe; $84 92 to Davenport, Treacy & Co. for sleeves; $4 90 to New Jersey Freie Presse for advertising notice to foundrymen; also notice for shutting off Passaic water; $60 to Frederick Boos for single harness; $3 25 to New Jersey Freie Presse for advertising fire insurance; $4 25 to New Jersey Freie Presse for advertising vacation of Malden Lane from Summit avenue to Orchard street; $43 75 to Michael Shannon for cobble stones, charged to 1878-79; $7 70 to Henry O'Neill for Belgian blocks, charged to 1878-79, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the salary list for the month of March, 1880, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of March, 1880, when due, viz:

Henry J. Hopper, mayor, $83 33; Thomas Earle, city treasurer, $200; Samuel C Nelson, city comptroller, $200; James H Love, city collector, $200; Leon Abbett, corporation counsel, $333 33; Allan L McDermott, corporation attorney, $125; William Stevens, clerk to comptroller, $91 66; Isaac Morrow, Jr., clerk to treasurer, $91 66; John T. Van Cleef, clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation, $91 66; Andrew D. Whyte, assistant collector; $100; clerks to collector, S. D. Dickinson, $60; Seneca Barker, $60; Louis E. Smith, $60; John T M Kaylor, $60; Charles Krebs, $60; John Kennedy, $60; James E. Connolly, $60; Patrick O'Neill, messenger, $60; Wm. H Powell, marshal, 2nd district court, $50; clerks to city clerk, Thomas K. Halstead, $60; N E Furv, $60; A L Sears, $60; assessors, Michael Kilcauly, 1st district, $108 33; Dennis McLaughlin, 2nd district, $108 33; Hugh Dugan, 3rd district, $108 33; Martin Logan, 4th district, $108 33; John M Park, 5th district, $108,33; James C. Clarke, 6th district, $108 33; printing minutes: the Evening Journal, $208 33; The Argus, $208 33; cleaning rooms in city hall, Bridget Parker: $25; Ann Norton, $25.

The same committee reported on the salary list of the Commissioners of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending March 31st, 1880, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That warrants be drawn for the payment of the salaries of the Commissioners of the Board of Finance and Taxation, to wit:

Marcus Beach, President Board Finance and Taxation, $125; Commissioners Board of Finance and Taxation—Martin M. Dohan, $125; John Mullins, $125; Isaac W. Taussig, $125; Simeon H. Smith, $125.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Mullins:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Walter Kissam for the sum of $60 for services performed by him as clerk to the City Comptroller for the month of March, 1880.

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of interest account for April, 1880:

On General account	$19,633 99
On Assessment account	17,185 00
On Water account	29,645 00

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of E W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars on account of county tax for 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 1st, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present--President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Smith.

Absent—Mr. Taussig.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for return of difference between old and new assessments were received from the following persons and referred to the Corporation Counsel: Mary B. B. Powers, Elizabeth B. Van Vorst, Julia Van Vorst, William Fox and Francis Macklin; petition of Patrick Sheeran requesting payment of an award for damages on property owned by him for the change of grade of Brunswick street. Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of David B. Day, requesting payment of money advanced to John Gorman, deceased, on his salary as expert to examine the books of the late Water Registrar. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of John L. Moore for the return of money claimed to have been paid in error on personal tax of 1878. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Argus of $52 35 for official printing and printing manuals; claim of Robert Donshea of $12 for one cord of split wood furnished City Hall March 12th, 1880; claim of Smith & Murray of $9 for printing blank reports and certifications. All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of A. L Sears of $14 50 for taking affidavits of the Mayor in cases vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of Henry Traphagen of $43 64 for taxed costs in cases vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller for stationery. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Official bond of Myles F. McCartin as Water Registrar, in the sum of $50,000, with Mary A. McCartin, Henry M. Traphagen and Samuel Hetherington as sureties. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account..		
" " Water account.....	$98,973 47	
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, March 25th to 31st, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$12,393 28
Assessment account, total.....	2,623 77
Water account, total	3,436 84
Sinking fund account, 1873, total.....	1 50
" " " 1876, total.....	

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

An order from the Hudson Circuit Court, Lippencott & Deacon attorneys, in the case of John Riley vacating a portion of a former order and modifying the same, previously served. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds required from the water registrar. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Words and referred to the Committee on Taxes and concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for repairing Grand street, from Pacific avenue to Woodward street, at 88 cents per square foot.

2. Awarding contract to R. D. Wood & Co. for 300 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe at $46 70 per gross ton of 2,240 lbs.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The Corporation Counsel sent to the Board schedules containing amounts due for difference between old and new assessments as follows:

To Margaret Kleinschmidt for improvement of Second street, from Colgate to Brunswick street, $4 83.

To Gustave Schwab, executor of Charlotte Schriner, deceased, for paving intersections of Palisade avenue from Hoboken avenue to Ravine road and grading the same, $57 47.

To Annie Cox for sewer in South street $532 63.

To Peter Jackson, main sewer Third ward, 41 cents.

To William Koven, main sewer Third ward, $24 12.

To Rebecca K. Gaynor, main sewer Third ward, $6 29.

To Isaac States, main sewer Third ward, $24 23.

To Benjamin T. Welch, improvement Bergen avenue, $36 95.

To First German Unitarian Church, main sewer Third ward, $18 46.

To Sarah S. Dammon, main sewer Third ward, 64 cents.

To Sarah S. Jackson, main sewer Third ward, 60 cents.

To John Hawkins, main sewer Third ward, $7 91.

To Gustave Hill, main sewer Third ward, $13 58.

To William H. Speer, improvement of Brinkerhoff street, Bergen to Cresent avenue, $252 84.

To Charles Woolsey, Peter Daly and John P. Hill for improvement of Newark avenue from Five Corners to old J. C. line, $95 01.

To Mellissa Heritage, main sewer Third ward, $5 35.

All of the above schedules were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on the resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds to be given by the Water Registrar recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of bonds to be given by the Water Registrar of Jersey City, Myles F. McCartin, be and is hereby fixed at fifty thousand dollars.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Myles F. McCartin as Water Registrar in the sum of fifty thousand dollars recommending that the same be spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The President having called for the yeas and nays the reports were received and the resolution and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Smith.

Absent—Mr. Taussig.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 30th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for repaving Grand street, from Pacific avenue to Woodward street according to plans and specifications, be and is hereby awarded to Myles Tierney, at the price named in his proposal, viz.: eighty-eight (88) cents per square yard, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 23d, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Extensions and Distributions be and is hereby authorized and instructed to advertise for proposals for digging trenches and laying water pipe under the direction of this Board for one year, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 23d, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $25 be paid to the Evening Journal Association for advertising vacation of Malden Lane; $10 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising for proposals for repairing Grand street to be charged to reconstruction account; $109 34 to W. B. McDonald for labor and material at Reservoir; $147 12 to Davenport & Treacy Co., for sleeves; $30 to the Evening Journal for advertising; $55 98 to Geo. A. Wood for gaskets, etc.; $18 to Northrup & Co. for weighing water pipe; $12 to Thos. Trotter for carting water pipe; $13 to Evening Journal Association for advertising for proposals for water pipe; $7 80 to Evening Journal Association for advertising for fire insurance, 1880; $31 20 to the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Co., for hose, etc., 1880; $45 to J. J. Siefke for feed, be and is herbby concurred in by the the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on petition of Cyrus B. Elsworth (Collins and Corbin, Attorneys,) for return of money claimed to have been paid in error on personal taxes, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Smith.

Absent—Mr. Taussig.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On claim of The Argus.

Resolved, That the sum of $53 35 be paid to The Argus for official printing and printing manuals.

On claim of Robert Donshea.

Resolved, That the sum of $12 be paid to Robert Donshea for one cord of split wood delivered at the City Hall, March 12th, 1880.

On claim of Smith & Murray:

Resolved, That the sum of $9 be paid to Smith & Murray for printing reports and certifications.

On claim of Charles Scott:

Resolved, That the sum of $4 85 be paid to Charles Scott for carpenter work at City Hall, from December 16 to January 15, 1880.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Smith.

Absent—Mr. Taussig.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Drohan:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars on account of county tax for 1878-79.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Smith.

Absent—Mr. Taussig.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 8th, 1880, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for differences between the old and new assessment were received from Thomas Riley and John Montgomery and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Henry Schmedes to have taxes adjusted. Received and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Abraham Van Horn, attorney of $337 72 for taxed costs in certain cases vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; claim of John T. Van Cleef of $28 35, for disbursements from June 25, 1879, to April 8, 1880, both received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Claim of McAvoy Bros. of $49 50 for nine warrant books furnished April 5th, 1880. Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balance credited to all accounts in the city depositories at the close of business this day:

Balance credit tax account.....		
" " Assessment account..		
" " Water account.....	}	$56,566 38
" " Sinking Fund, 1873....		
" " " 1876....		

The City Comptroller reported the following receipts of the City Treasury, April 1st to 7th, 1880, both days included:

General tax account, total.....	$11,242 43
Assessment account, total.....	1,461 44
Water account, total	1,690 19
Sinking fund account, 1873, total.....	810 99
" " " 1876, total.....	803 17

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, April 1st, 1880.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return petition (No. 565) of Henry F. Mahnken for rebate of assessment. Mr. Mahnken paid an assessment for improvement of Communipaw avenue. Mr. Love, City Collector, certified upon the petition: "I do not find that anything has been done with the improvement of Communipaw avenue on the within named property." I therefore advise that you do not grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON ABBETT,

Corporation Counsel of Jersey City.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the petitioner to be notified.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works notifying the Board of Finance and Taxation that the probable gross amount of money needed for the ensuing three months is $75,000.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract for building gate house, screen house and bridge from screen house to bank of reservoir to Henry O'Neill at $3,198.

2 Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported on petitions of Albert Corby, Annie Cox, Jane Smith and John Townsend for differences between the old and new assessments, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions;

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Albert Corby for the sum of $255 38, being the difference between the old and new assessment for sewer in Palisade avenue and Hutton street, on lot 23, block 748, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Annie Cox for the sum of $532 68, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the construction of a sewer in South street, on lot 28, block 773, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jane Smith for the sum of $67 06, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Palisade avenue, from Grand to Crawford streets, on lots 4 and 5, block 290, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds; provided, however, that if the said Jane Smith be married her husband must join in receipt for said warrant before delivery.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Townsend for the sum of $69 70, being the difference between the old and new assessment for the improvement of Bergen avenue from Montgomery street to Newark plank road on lot 13, block 227, said warrant to be used only to pay taxes or assessments or to purchase bonds.

The same committee reported on claim of John T Van Cleef for disbursements recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John T. Van Cleef for the sum of twenty-eight 35-100 dollars, being disbursements incurred as Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation from June 25th, 1879 to April 8th, 1880.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $200 from the account of printing and stationery for the year 1879 and 80 to the account of Public Building and Grounds for the same year of the Board of Public Works.

The same committee reported on claim of A. L. Sears for taking affidavits of the Mayor in cases vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. L. Sears for the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents for taking affidavits of the Mayor, in cases vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously

The same committee reported on claim of John McGuigan for extra services as Marshal of the First District Court recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John McGuigan for the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents for extra services rendered by him as Marshal of the First District Court from May 1st, 1879, to June 14th, 1879.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Mullins and Taussig,

Nays—President Beach, Messrs. Drohan and Smith.

By Mr. Taussig and carried:

Moved, That the claim of John McGuigan for extra services as Marshal of the First District Court be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The Committee on Taxes and Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March, 9th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, be and are hereby authorized to purchase $25 worth of Hoboken horse car tickets for the use or the water assessor and his assistants, be and is hereby non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 30th, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for furnishing and delivering 300 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe be and is hereby awarded to R. D. Wood & Co, at the price named in their proposal, viz. $46 70 per gross ton of 2,240 lbs., that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have executed the necessary contract for the same be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 23, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs be and are hereby authorized to adverlise for proposals for furnishing about 7,000 tons of coal at Belleville and high service pumping station be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 18, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of $216 75 be paid to J. H. Campbell for machinery supplies for Belleville be and is hereby concurred in by the Roard of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 30, 1880, to wit:

Resolved, That $18 be paid to Wm. Gaston for horseshoeing, 1880; $69 30 to C. J. Winant for sand, 1880; $12 50 to The Argus for advertising repaving Grand street, charged to reconstruction account; $9 to C. W. Laws for sprinkling Ocean avenue from July 14th to 17th inclusive, charge year 1878-79; $11 to A. E. Sanford for wood at Belleville; $293 34 to W. B. McDonald for labor and materials at High Service; $453 49 to R. D. Wood & Co. for 6-inch cast iron water pipe; $264 96 to Davenport, Treacy & Co, for hydrants, &c.; $89 20 to Peter Jocham for blacksmith work; $162 to John McLean for 6-inch cocks; $27 71 to George B. Lockwood for setting meter, &c; $19 20 to J. C. Herald for advertising; $12 50 to The Argus for advertising; $2 10 to the Freie Presse for advertising; $15 10 to The Argus for advertising; $6 and $2 50 to J. C. Herald for advertising, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works increasing the salary of the assistant clerk from $60 per month to $75 per month, recommending that the same be received and ordered filed.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of McAvoy Bros., recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $49 50 be paid to McAvoy Bros. for nine warrant books, delivered to City Clerk April 5th, 1880

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Mullins:

Whereas, During the fiscal year of 1877 and '78 the appropriations allowed for the Police Department were inadequate to carry on business of said Department; and

Whereas, The officers and members thereof have not received their full annual salaries as fixed by the Police Board and provided for in the appropriations for said year; and

Whereas, By a certain act of the Legislature entitled an act to provide for the full payment of the fixed salaries of police officers in certain cities, approved February 26th, 1879, the Board of Finance and Taxation are empowered to order direct and provide for the full payment of said salaries not exceeding in the aggregate ten days' pay for each officer and member in said department; and

Whereas, The total amount of ten days' pay, according to the pay-roll adopted by the Board of Police Commissioners, amounts to the sum of $3,814 08; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said amount of $3,814 08 be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the deficiencies in salaries aforesaid, and that said amount be placed in the next tax levy; and be it further

Resolved, That warrants be drawn for the payment of said deficiencies in salaries to the order of the officers and members of the Police Department, according to the pay-roll adopted and now on file in the City Clerk's office

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote;

Yeas—Messrs. Drohan, Mullins and Taussig.

Nays—President Beach and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith explained his vote by saying that while he thought favorably of the measure he was not prepared at tha time to vote for the passage of the resolution, inasmuch as the Board had not received an official opinion from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the matter.

Mr. Mullins replied that he understood the Corporation Counsel to be of the opinion that it was made optional with the Board to adopt the resolution or not.

By Mr. Drohan and carried:

Resolved, That we proceed to the appointment of six Assessors for the six Aldermanic Districts of Jersey City, and that they be balloted for separately by district.

On motion the Board took a recess for five minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

The Board then went into the election of Assessors.

The President appointed Messrs. Drohan and Smith to act as tellers.

The President declared nominations to be in order.

Mr. Drohan nominated Michael Kilcauley for Assessor of the First district.

Mr. Mullins nominated F. G. Wolbert.

On motion nominations were closed.

On motion Mr. Smith was excused from voting.

The balloting then proceeded, with the following result:

Michael Kilcauley received three (3) votes and F. G. Wolbert one (1) vote.

Michael Kilcauley having received a majority of the votes cast he was duly declared the Assessor of the First Aldermanic District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Drohan then nominated Dennis McLaughlin for Assessor of the Second District. No other nominations were made.

On motion Mr. Mullins was excused from voting.

A balloting was then had which resulted as follows:

Dennis McLaughlin received four (4) votes and that being the whole number of votes cast, he was duly declared Assessor of the Second Aldermanic District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Drohan then nominated Hugh Dugan for Assessor of the Third District. No other nominations were made.

On motion Mr. Mullins was excused from voting.

A balloting was then had with the following result:

Hugh Dugan received four (4) votes.

And that being the whole number of votes cast he was duly declared Assessor of the Third Aldermanic District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Taussig then nominated Martin Logan for Assessor of the Fourth District.

Mr. Mullins nominated Henry Powell.

On motion the nominations were closed.

A balloting was then had with the following result:

Martin Logan received four (4) votes.

Henry Powell received one (1) vote.

Martin Logan having received a majority of the votes cast he was duly declared Assessor of the Fourth Aldermanic District of Jersey City for the ensuing year

Mr. Taussig then nominated John M, Park for Assessor of the Fifth District. No other nominations were made.

A balloting was then had with the following result:

John M. Parks received five (5) votes.

And that being the whole number of votes cast he was duly declared Assessor of the Fifth Aldermanic District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Taussig then nominated James C. Clarke for Assessor of the Sixth District. No other nominations were made.

A balloting was then had with the following result:

James C. Clarke received five (5) votes, and that being the total number of votes cast, he was duly declared Assessor of the Sixth Aldermanic District for the ensuing year.

By Mr. Taussig, and carried:

Moved, That when we adjourn it be to meet Monday, April 12th, 1880, at half-past twelve p. m

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, April 12, 1880, at half-past twelve o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed and they were approved as written

By Mr. Taussig:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due to the President, Marcus Beach, for his uniform courtesy as presiding officer; and

Resolved, That as a Board we do hereby express our appreciation of his ability and faithfulness in the discharge of the important duties of his office.

The resolution having been put on a call of the ayes and nays it was unanimously adopted.

By Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Hon. Leon Abbett, Corporation Counsel, and the Hon. Allan L. McDermott, Corporation Attorney, for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices and for the many acts of individual courtesy the members have received from them.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Smith and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this Board and to its officers and employes; also to the reporters who have been in attendance.

By Mr. Mullins and adopted:

Resolved, That as a Board we do hereby express our appreciation of the services of S. H. Smith, the only Republican member of this Board, and that we recognize in him a faithful officer of the city and a useful member of his party.

By Mr. Smith and adopted:

Resolved, That as a Board we desire to acknowledge the ability and usefulness of our two retiring members, Messrs, Mullins and Taussig, that in all the deliberations and actions taken by this Board they have acted wisely and for the best interests of the city.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

JOHN T. VAN CLEEF, Clerk.

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